

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: UNIT #1 Room 418

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To:

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\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_ Unit Two  
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\_\_\_ Files Section  
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\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
\_\_\_ Unit Five  
\_\_\_ Identification Unit  
\_\_\_ Statistical Section  
\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_ Mr. Stein  
\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_ Secretary  
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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

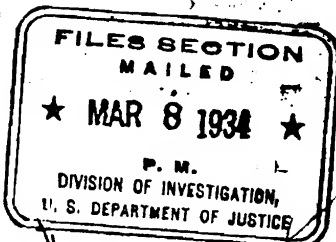
Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent O. G. Hall dated at St. Paul February 26, 1934, in connection with the investigation being conducted with a view to locating the Corona typewriter used to write ransom notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim.

It is noted that the memorandum describes the Corona typewriter in the possession of one Pete Keras of the Cozy Lunch Room, followed by the statement that this does not appear to be the machine sought. The reasons why this conclusion is reached are not set forth in the memorandum. The typewriter is described as having had, at one time, a Hectograph ribbon which is purplish and slightly smudgy. For your information, this is the type of ribbon used when writing the Hamm kidnaping notes.

It is further noted Agent Hall sets forth, as typical exemplars to be taken of suspected typewriters, three short sentences. In making comparisons of typewriting specimens the Division prefers sample writing of every letter on every key of the suspected typewriter and further desires that the questioned material be copied in detail several times with a varied degree of pressure on the keys.

Very truly yours,

Director.



February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

From a check of the weather reports which are available, the following information is submitted, showing the high and low temperature of the principal cities south of Portage, Wisconsin:

<u>Madison, Wis.</u>			<u>Milwaukee, Wis.</u>		<u>Peoria, Ill.</u>		<u>Chicago, Ill.</u>	
Date:	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/17/34	24	8	26	12	38	20	26	17
1/18/34	24	20	30	26	36	22	22	28
1/19/34	40	16	44	18	48	24	48	24
1/20/34	34	20	36	24	44	26	39	21
1/21/34	Sunday							
1/22/34	No reports available							
1/23/34	46	24	50	28	50	28	51	31
1/24/34	38	30	38	30	40	36	40	32
1/25/34	52	10	52	14	60	20	54	28
1/26/34	20	16	26	18	28	22	28	23
1/27/34	42	34	42	36	42	34	39	27
1/28/34	Sunday							
1/29/34	26	-14	32	-10	14	-4	43	-6
1/30/34	-2	-6	2	-6	8	-2	3	-2
1/31/34	24	16	24	16	24	20	24	18

From the above it will be noted that the coldest day during this period was Monday, January 29, 1934, and that the warmest day was Thursday January 25, 1934, the temperature on this day being high enough to cause a thaw. The high and low temperatures of principal cities north of Portage, Wis. were as follows:

<u>Des Moines, Iowa</u>			<u>Duluth, Minn.</u>		<u>Marquette, Mich.</u>		<u>Winnipeg, Minn.</u>	
Date:	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/17/34	32	18	6	-2	12	10	12	6
1/18/34	46	20	16	6	18	14	22	14
1/19/34	36	16	24	10	26	18	24	14
1/20/34	36	20	22	14	26	16	28	18
1/21/34	Sunday							
1/22/34	No report							
1/23/34	48	30	34	26	42	36	44	34
1/24/34	48	42	32	26	36	30	44	34

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Date:	Des Moines, Iowa		Duluth, Minn		Marquette, Mich.		Minneapolis, Minn.	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
1/25/34	36	18	32	-14	42	12	42	-2
1/26/34	26	22	18	2	24	10	24	14
1/27/34	50	40	28	26	32	28	40	32
1/28/34	Sunday							
1/29/34	26	0	-12	-30	4	-16	4	-18
1/30/34	8	0	-10	-30	0	-6	0	-8
1/31/34	50	26	28	12	24	4	22	24

From the above it will be noted that the coldest day in these cities was Monday, January 29, 1934, and the warmest day January 25, 1934, although the temperature in the North east portion reached only 42 degrees above zero, which would not be sufficient to cause a thaw, as referred to by victim Bremer.

Respectfully submitted,

*E. L. Nicholson*

E. L. NICHOLSON,

Special Agent.

DLN:JMS

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St. Paul -9



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Edward Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Investigation by Special Agent Winstead at Beaumont, Texas, has developed that Paula Harmon has said that she had been arrested several times while accompanying Charlie Harmon, her deceased husband.

It is suggested that the criminal record of Charlie Harmon be searched for record of arrests and the Division Office covering each place of arrest be advised to ascertain whether, at the time of his arrest, Paula was also arrested. The purpose of this is to secure a photograph and fingerprint record of Paula since a number of contributors do not furnish the Division fingerprints of all persons arrested.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

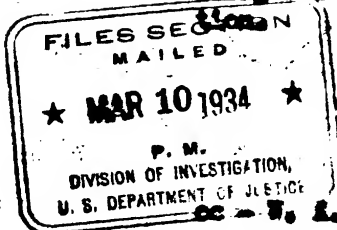
RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated February 26, 1934,  
there are enclosed herewith copies of an abstract of the  
criminal record of one Charles Preston Harmon, #2648 Police  
Department, Houston, Texas, who may possibly be identical  
with the individual referred to in your letter.

Photographs of Paula Harmon as Mrs. C. P. Harmon,  
who was arrested with the above named individual at Council  
Bluffs, Iowa on February 25, 1926, were forwarded to you  
under separate cover.

Copy of this letter together with enclosure is also  
being furnished Mr. Rorer of the Division for his informa-



Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #691661.

*Handwritten:*  
HHC, TR  
May 1934

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U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
et al, UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith photostatic copy of the  
fingerprints of ADOLPH BREMER, Jr. These prints are to be compared with  
unidentified latent fingerprints secured from various articles submitted  
to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Police Conditions in St. Paul

On the afternoon of January 23, 1934, at a conference at which were present Adolph Bremer, Adolph Bremer, Jr., Otto Bremer, Walter Magee, C. E. Newcome, Chief of Police Dahill of St. Paul, and myself, the Chief of Police and I were handed four letters consisting of three handwritten notes from Victim Edward Bremer to Dr. H. T. Nippert, Walter Magee, and Victim Bremer's wife, and one letter, typewritten, addressed to "Charles Magee" by the kidnapers. These letters were given to the Chief of Police and myself, and assurance of the strictest secrecy was given by both of us. We were cautioned to tell no person whatsoever and agreed so to do. The conference ended at about three o'clock.

I came to the St. Paul office; and the letters, which had been wrapped in cellophane, were forwarded by air mail at approximately four o'clock to the Division at Washington for possible development of latent prints thereon. About thirty minutes later there appeared on the street in an extra edition of the St. Paul Daily News an article to the effect that a bottle had been hurled through the glass door of the vestibule of the house of Dr. H. T. Nippert a few days previous thereto containing two "ransom notes". The ransom notes in question, as indicated in the foregoing, were as a matter of fact delivered in the manner described on the morning of Friday, January 20.

I immediately communicated with Chief of Police Dahill and asked him to come to my room at the hotel. He arrived there about seven o'clock. I told him that we were "on the spot", and that I understood the only persons who knew of these ransom notes in addition to those present at the conference on the foregoing occasion were the two of us, and that either he or I had been guilty, or should be considered guilty, of making public these notes or permitting them to be made public. I told him that I had told no person inasmuch as I had not communicated with any newspaper representative myself and the information could not have leaked from the St. Paul office.

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Chief of Police Dahill told me that he had told his two chief assistants, Charles Tierney, Chief of Detectives, and Tom Brown, Detective in Charge of the kidnaping squad, who was formerly chief of police in St. Paul. At this juncture, he asked whether Mr. Hanni knew anything about it and could be present. I told him that Mr. Hanni did not know anything about it, but if he wished it, Mr. Hanni could be present. He said he preferred to have Mr. Hanni present because Mr. Hanni is acquainted with police conditions here. Previously, Mr. Hanni had telephoned him at my request telling him that I would not be able to furnish Chief Dahill with photostatic copies of these notes as I had promised, the reason being that he could not be certain that any photostat operator could be trusted in a secret matter of this kind. Mr. Hanni came to the hotel room and I reiterated what I had said to the Chief as outlined above. Dahill then said that there is only one man responsible and he knew it; that it was Tom Brown, who had been a source of information and contact for the St. Paul Daily News. The St. Paul Daily News, it should be noted, had been vigorously attacking the administration of the city of St. Paul and the police. Dahill was very emphatic in his denunciation of Tom Brown and said, "It is my belief now that he (meaning Brown) 'cashed' both the Hamm and the Bremer case."

I then told Dahill that in some manner the matter must be placed before Adolph Bremer inasmuch as I was involved equally with him; and Adolph Bremer would naturally believe one or the other of us to be guilty of this leak. Dahill stated emphatically that nobody but Brown could have given this information to the Daily News.

We then proceeded to the residence of Adolph Bremer. I told Bremer that in connection with the publicity, of which he was already aware, I had asked the Chief of Police to go to his home with me; that as far as I was concerned, the information I had received from him had been given to no person whatsoever and that the Chief would make his statement to him. Dahill then told Adolph Bremer that he had imparted the information relative to the ransom notes to Charles Tierney and Tom Brown; that there was no question in his mind that Brown had imparted the information to the Daily News and that Brown, in his opinion, was implicated in both the Hamm and the Bremer kidnapings. Adolph Bremer expressed considerable surprise, stating that he had been responsible for Tom Brown's being made Chief of Police and felt very badly that any suspicion could be raised against him.

Adolph Bremer then telephoned for Walter Magee; and upon Walter Magee's coming to the office, Dahill repeated his statement to the effect that Brown was implicated in both the Hamm and the Bremer kidnapings. Magee also expressed his surprise and narrated at some

length the political indebtedness of Tom Brown to Adolph Bremer.

Both Chief of Police Dahill and myself left the house shortly thereafter. In the meantime, however, Adolph Bremer had expressed his regret that Dahill had not kept his word to him and had imparted the information relative to the ransom notes to both Tierney and Brown. Dahill said that he had to do that because Tierney and Brown were working with him on the case and in order to work efficiently, they should be in possession of all the information.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

HN:HVS

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Reference is made to letter from Chicago Division office dated February 17, 1934, in which it was indicated that one "Doc" Eaton might be a possible suspect in instant case, and further stating that Eaton's former wife lived in St. Paul. 3-28

Mr. Charles Tierney, Chief of Detectives, St. Paul, advised that Myrtle Eaton was known to St. Paul Police Department and had been arrested in St. Paul on December 10, 1930, for shoplifting, St. Paul Police Department No. 22402; and that Myrtle Eaton was at present living at 565 Portland Avenue, Apartment 101, and is being kept up by one Andy Rothmeyer, a saloon keeper of St. Paul.

It is suggested that as "Doc" Eaton is listed as a possible suspect, the fingerprint file should be checked in single print file with prints of Myrtle Eaton. 4?

Photograph of Myrtle Eaton is being retained in the St. Paul Division office file.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
Feb. 26, 1934.

DB:GMH.  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;  
et al  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping.

As requested in your letter of February 22, 1934, I am transmitting herewith eight photographs of Glen Roy Wright. Agent Franklin contacted the Police Department at Oklahoma City and was informed that the number of this individual is not 1992 but is 5656, and the only photograph available in the files of the Oklahoma City Police Department is one copied from a Police bulletin on Glen Roy Wright, which was apparently copied from a photograph on file of this Subject at the Tulsa Police Department. At this time the photographs as mentioned are being forwarded to you but efforts will be made to obtain the desired quantity from the Tulsa Police Department and same will be promptly forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Encl's.  
cc-Chicago (Encl.)  
cc-Kansas City (Encl.)  
cc-Division.

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In connection with the above captioned case, it is imperative at this time that every effort be made to determine the location of stores which retail the socks worn by the Victim in this case and in connection with which investigation has been conducted by your office.

Special attention is called to the report of Special Agent Charles Jenkins, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1934. It would appear that the distributor of these socks was the Chicago Mail Order Company of 511 South Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois. The details of the interview had by Agent Jenkins, at this place, have been carefully noted. It is felt that some record should be available at the office of this concern which would supply the names of stores to whom they have sold this article and it is requested that further investigation be made at the Chicago Mail Order Company with a view of determining this information. If the records are meager and complicated, it may be possible that the search could be narrowed to a territory covering the northern half of the State of Illinois.

If this concern, above referred to, will make its books available so that an agent, or even several agents, might be permitted to inspect them to secure the desired data, the management should be informed that we will volunteer the services of agents to examine the records to obtain as much detailed information as possible as to the location of purchasers of this particular article.

Will you kindly give this matter immediate attention and advise me at once.

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CC Division

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
et al - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

*of whom?*  
Please have twenty photostatic copies each of the  
enclosed five photographs made and returned with the originals, to  
the St. Paul Division office, if possible so that same may be re-  
ceived here on the morning of February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. MELVIN H. PURVIS:

Re: BREKID  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Special Agent R.D. Brown is proceeding to Chicago in order to check air port records and air line schedules of potential value in this case. Please render him any assistance which becomes necessary and if an automobile is available it would facilitate his work.

Very truly yours,

WAR:TO

W.A. MORER, INSPECTOR.

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
et al.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to letter from the St. Paul office  
dated 2/23/34, suggesting that the files of the Dallas office  
be searched for letters written by KATHRYN KELLY to her  
mother:

You are advised that such search has been made and no  
such letters found.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANNI:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

In compliance to your request to check the possibility of locating the hideout in this case by means of checking airplane flights in the vicinity of approximately 150 to 200 miles south or southeast of Portage, Wisconsin, the following information was obtained:

The victim has stated rather definitely that on January 23th, this being the second Saturday after his capture, while held at the hideout, he heard a plane flying almost directly over the hideout. He fixed the time of his hearing this plane at a very short interval of time before the ringing of a church bell; that the church bell always (on week days) rang shortly before the blowing of a factory whistle. He fixed the blowing of the factory whistle as being late afternoon or about five or six o'clock. In this connection, he stated the sound of the motor of this particular airplane had hardly become extinct before the church bell started ringing. Thus, the church bell, the factory whistle and the airplane were heard within a period of fifteen minutes at the most. It seems logical to believe the plane passed over the hideout shortly before five or six in the afternoon.

The victim stated that on other days he would hear airplanes, often more than one in a day, which appeared to be passing his hideout some distance away. He stated that on some days and sometimes for two or three days he would hear no noises of airplanes passing. Thus possibly indicating the hideout was not located very close to an established air line.

Agent interviewed R. E. MIDDLESTADT, Chief Dispatcher and F. W. WHITTIMORE, Operations Manager, Northwest Airways, Inc., at the offices of that company, located at Holman Municipal Airport, St. Paul, Minnesota, on this date. Both stated the average citizen would be unable to distinguish between the noises created by single and tri-motored ships. In fact, MR. WHITTIMORE, who claims he has been flying for eighteen years, stated he is not always able to distinguish between the two noises unless there was some difference in the R.P.M. of the motors of a tri-motor ship or unless the ship were comparatively near. He stated that, of course, a tri-motored ship or a bi-motored ship creates a louder exhaust noise than does a single motored plane but that should a pilot of a single motored plane be bucking a strong head wind, he would probably be "gunning" or racing his motor at

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a greater speed than when cruising in good weather and his motor would thus create a much louder exhaust and possibly give persons on the ground the impression that a bi-motored or a tri-motored ship was passing.

The persons then interviewed then checked airport weather charts for weather in the Chicago area on the afternoon of January 28th, which showed that weather conditions in that vicinity were bad; that an 80-mile wind was blowing from the northwest and the ceiling in the Chicago area was but 1,000 feet. Upon further checking the weather they stated Northwest Airways regularly dispatches a ship out of Chicago for St. Paul, Minnesota, at 4:30 p.m.; that this plane's route takes it straight into Rochester, Minnesota, but because of the before mentioned bad weather, the ship was grounded and did not take off at all.

As to possibility of commercial planes, not connected with airline service, flying on that date, both stated such a presumption was impossible because of the weather condition and further, at this season of the year and because of the depression, there is practically no flying being done other than by the airlines. In fact, he (MR. WHITTIMORE) stated if anyone were flying on the afternoon of January 28th for pleasure purposes, they were "crazy".

The before mentioned gentleman were then given an idea of the approximate position of the point to be located; that of a point approximately 175 or 200 miles south, southeast or southwest of Portage, Wisconsin; also the fact that a city having street cars and traffic signals, which city is located approximately 70 to 90 miles from the point, the location of which is desired. MR. WHITTIMORE then stated he knows of his own knowledge that the only city south of Madison, Wisconsin, now having street cars (the first city south of Madison) is Rockford, Illinois. Rockford is a city of 85,000 population. The next cities south of Rockford, having street car systems are Elgin and Aurora, Illinois, according to MR. WHITTIMORE. Elgin is 54 miles southeast of Rockford and Aurora is 75 miles from Rockford, located southeast. Joliet is located 95 miles from Rockford. Both of the above named gentlemen dismissed the possibility of the point attempting to be located as being on or near the route of the Northwest Airways from Chicago to Rochester, Minnesota.

They stated the only established airlines operating straight west and southwest out of Chicago are United Air Lines, operating straight west of Chicago over Aurora and Sterling, Illinois, operating three ships each way each day and American Airways, operating southwest of Chicago over Joliet, Morris, Streator and Peoria, Illinois. Both stated that the records of these airlines would show the positions of airplanes being operated by



then between five or six o'clock at any point close to Chicago on January 28th; that the pilots of regular airline ships radio their position every half hour; that since a strong wind was blowing from the northwest, the ships flying at that time could easily have been off course and if bucking the wind, motor or motors would be speeded up and persons on the ground would gain the impression the ship was closer than usual; that possibly the wind was blowing in such a way that persons on the ground at a certain point would hear it very distinctly although the location be ten or fifteen miles away.

MR. WHITTIMORE suggested that records of both the American Airways and the United Air Lines be checked at Chicago with reference to the above and impressed agent that it was entirely possible to locate airplanes (positions of) operated by those companies at almost any time during the afternoon of January 28th.

There is attached hereto a map showing the routes traveled by the airlines mentioned and showing the distances from Portage, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

R. D. BROWN,  
Special Agent.

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cc Chicago

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

Please obtain immediately name, present  
address, description, associates, and all possible  
information pertaining to person who had prescription  
No. 196725--Dr. Kilb. (possibly abbreviation) filled  
at Hilp's Drug Store, Reno, Nevada, December 27, 1933.  
The above information was taken from a small green  
bottle with black screw top which contained a number of  
round, transparent, light pills.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER Victim  
KIDNAPING - St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted with this letter copy of a communication from Stephen Creech, U.S. Game Protector, Box 506, Peoria, Illinois, under date of February 26, 1934. This letter is in response to a circular letter forwarded to Mr. Creech by Inspector W.A. Rorer, copy of which circular is attached hereto.

It is desired that Special Agents of the St. Louis office contact Mr. Creech at the earliest possible date, for the purpose of obtaining any information which he may possess pertaining to the above entitled matter. Obviously no information should be furnished Mr. Creech with reference to the purpose of the inquiry.

Kindly give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau of Biological Survey

Peoria, Illinois  
February 26, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Rorer:

Receipt is acknowledged of your confidential circular dated February 21. I have read with much interest the list of sounds which were heard in a certain community in my district. From the account set out in the first 4 paragraphs of your letter there is no question in my mind but what I have such a community in my district. However your request is so vague that I do not feel like making a statement at this time.

If you will advise me more fully concerning the reason and object of this request I believe I can name the place to which you refer. It may be possible that I could render personal assistance.

On February 20, one of your agents were here requesting information concerning a list of my men. No doubt that was in connection with this same request. One of these circulars has been sent to a State Game Warden living in Peoria, and I am very much afraid that so far as being confidential, a great mistake has been made there, because it has been discussed with others.

I gather from this letter and newspaper accounts that it has to do with a certain kidnapping in your city. Two years ago I was responsible for the apprehension and the prosecution of some twelve people for the kidnapping of a Doctor in Peoria.

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If you intend to send a man down here to discuss this with me, please advise me in advance so that I may be here, but if you send a man here, send one who is in a position to go into detail.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN CRECH

U.S. Game Protector

BOX 306, Peoria, Ill.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Special Agent H.C. Coulter has been advised of the following:

"GEORGE NEFF and CLARENCE SPARGER both have served sentences in the Missouri State Penitentiary. No. 6001 is either NEFF'S Missouri State Penitentiary number or his St. Joseph, Missouri, police number. Both of these men are white, and NEFF is about thirty-five years old. I do not possess any further identifying data regarding either.

Ray Harrington, Superintendent of the Minneapolis Police Bureau of Identification, advised that the Minneapolis Police Department received a letter dated December 17, 1933, from Mr. B.T. Andrews, Chief of Police, St. Joseph, Missouri, in which he stated he had received information from a confidential source that the above mentioned men borrowed a large sum of money and left St. Joseph about three weeks prior to the date of the letter above mentioned, with the intent, according to his informant, to stage a bank robbery in this vicinity. They intended to come directly to either St. Paul, or Minneapolis. Mr. Harrington stated no robbery had occurred since the receipt of the above mentioned letter."

Please check the prints, in the single fingerprint files, of the above persons against the latent prints obtained in this case.

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W.A. ROHRER, INSPECTOR.

Very truly yours,

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W.A. ROHRER, INSPECTOR.  
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 1. Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.L. File 7-27.

Dear Sir:

Under date of February 15, 1934, you forwarded to me a photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621, in order that it could be exhibited to Arthur Johnson, in inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado, to learn if he could identify the photograph.

I wish to inform you that the photograph was forwarded to Mr. Roy Best, Warden of the Colorado State Penitentiary, and he was asked to exhibit it to Arthur Johnson. I today received word from Warden Best that the photograph was shown to Arthur Johnson alias Red Price, Colorado State Penitentiary No. 5715, and that Arthur Johnson stated that the photograph was that of a man known to him as Charles Dean or Fitz.

For your information I wish to make known that before the photograph was sent to Warden Best, the information on the reverse side of the photograph, namely the name and aliases of the person, together with his description, was concealed so that Arthur Johnson would not have any opportunity of learning any part of the information contained on the reverse side.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul.  
cc - Chicago.

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephonic conversation with Inspector  
Rorer, it is suggested that arrangements be made to cover  
the Carnara-Loughren fight at Miami, Florida, Wednesday,  
February 28th in an effort to locate Alvin Karpis and Arthur  
Barker, who are suspected of being implicated in the Bremer  
matter.

Very truly yours,

M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 27, 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to the Division, I am enclosing an editorial that appeared in the Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Florida, on February 17, 1934, in connection with the apprehension of EDWARD DOLL with aliases, subject of I. O. #1214.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with  
aliases, et al  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of February 18, 1934, regarding captioned case, I am attaching hereto St. Paul Police Department photograph No. 23, 979, which is a photograph of THOMAS CARROLL, alias TOMMY CARROLL alias T. L. CARROLL alias JAMES RAY BROOK, alias FRANK SLOAN alias FRANK SLOAN and a supply of circulars, issued by the Post Office Department.

With reference to the Ford Deluxe Coupe, Motor No. 40-283751 purchased from the Ford Motor Sales Company, 117 West University Avenue, St. Paul, Special Agent O. G. Hall and Special Agent R. C. Coulter interviewed Herbert Imholte, Sales Representative of the above mentioned company at the St. Paul Division office. He claimed to recall the transaction, but not to be able to identify Carroll as the purchaser, stating the transaction involved their acceptance of a Chevrolet coupe. He later sent the company's original records to this office, at the request of Agents. These records disclose T. L. Carroll, 668 Central Park Place, St. Paul, purchased the Ford Coupe in question on May 13, 1934, at which time 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle License No. B337821 was assigned to the car in his name. Payment was made by actual allowance on Chevrolet Victoria 1931 Model coupe, Motor No. 2460114, serial No. 21A30613, bearing 1933 Minnesota Motor Vehicle license No. B316962, at \$365.00 and cash balance of \$421.04, with refund to Republic Finance Co. of \$115.00.

Agent Hall and Agent Coulter interviewed Mrs. Adella Filben, Apartment 101, Filben Court Apartments, 668 East Central Park Place, who stated she had read about Carroll in the newspapers and through that source knew who he was. However, he had never lived in that apartment building. She stated there was a girl by the name of Carroll who had occupied an apartment there, whom she believed to be a night club entertainer, but she left last winter and it was her understanding this girl went to New York. However, she left no forwarding address, and Mrs.

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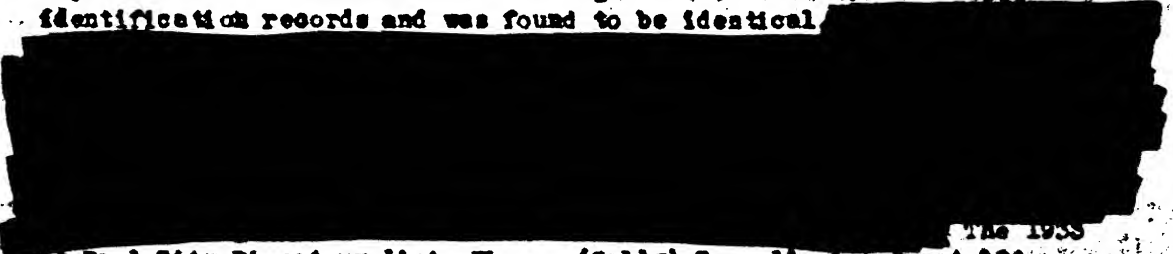


Filben stated that she knew none of this girl's associates. Mrs. Filben is the mother of Tom Filben, who substantially controls the slot machine racket in Ramsey County, of which St. Paul is the seat of Government. Filben is reported to own the apartment house in question and has become rather wealthy, although he has the reputation of associating with criminals.

A check at the Minnesota Motor Vehicle License Bureau disclosed that 1933 Minnesota motor vehicle license B316-962, were issued to Ben Frank, 872 N. Smith Avenue, St. Paul, and later transferred to the Ford Motor Sales Co. The date of transfer was given as October 20, 1933; however this was the date the Ford Motor Sales Co. sold the car to another individual, and is in accordance with the usual mode of sales.

The signature of T. L. Carroll appearing on the retail buyer's order was checked with the signature on the St. Paul Police identification records and was found to be identical.

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The 1933 St. Paul City Directory lists Thomas (Sally) Carroll, Apartment 106, 668 East Central Park Place.

Post Office Inspector John Strech, Post Office and Customs Building, St. Paul, who handled the postal cases against Carroll and others, informed Agent Coulter that he interviewed Sally Carroll, wife of Tommy Carroll, after he became a fugitive and that he definitely recalls that she told him that she and Carroll visited the Century of Progress at Chicago for a week after his release from the Ramsey County Jail, and that she told him where they had lived, but owing to the fact that it had no bearing on the inquiry he was making, he made no note of the above information. Strech stated Sally Carroll is a radio entertainer and is now residing at 3242-16th Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn. He stated Carroll, who originally came from the State of Oklahoma, had never been in any serious trouble until after his release on bond in connection with the Post Office burglary; that the bond, which was in the amount of \$10,000 was returnable at LaCrosse, Wisconsin the third Tuesday in September, 1933; that Carroll was not present on that date and it was continued until October, 1933, when Carroll failed to put in an appearance.

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He stated during the latter part of October, 1933, the First National Bank of Brainerd, Brainerd, Minnesota was robbed, and a week or two later the Minneapolis Police received a call that a bank robber was living at 637 E. 17th Street, which is the residence of Carmel Tremont, this woman having assisted Carroll in providing bail bond on the Post Office burglary charge; that two detectives called at this address and found Carroll there with \$1400.00 in a suitcase, and possibly a machine gun, with which he attempted to escape. He was arrested by one detective and left in custody of the other while the first completed a search of the house. Before the return of the first detective, Carroll slugged the second detective and escaped. He was positively identified, and later the money was reported to have been positively identified as a part of a shipment to the First National Bank of Brainerd from the Federal Reserve Bank. Carroll next appeared in San Antonio, Texas, with one Fisher, who was recently returned and sentenced to a term in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a charge of Post Office burglary from St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to the Post Office burglary charge, Carroll is wanted for the murder of a San Antonio, Tex. Police Detective, which crime was committed at the time Fisher was arrested, or within a day or two of that time.

Mr. Streeb further advised that investigation at San Antonio, Texas, disclosed that Carroll was associating with one Jimmie Williams, age thirty, blonde, about five feet six inches tall, and who weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. He has a blonde wife, about thirty years old, and a child four or five years old, sex unknown. *Jillie*

Also with one Wayne Huttner, thirty-five years old, six feet tall, one hundred and seventy-five pounds, who had a dark haired wife. Both Williams and Huttner were reported to be driving new Essex Terraplanes, bearing California license plates, numbers not secured. Nothing further is known regarding these men.

Carroll was further reported to be associating at San Antonio with one Tommy Cannon, a St. Paul character, who drives a Buick Victoria coupe, listed in the name of Anderson at the tailor shop, next door to Harry Sawyer's former speakeasy on Wabasha Avenue, St. Paul.

Mr. Streeb further advised that one Morris Goldberg was the person who arranged for Carroll's bond here, and that it is his understanding that Tom Filben put up a ten thousand dollar note to the

principal owner of the real estate, when it became apparent that Carroll and Fisher were intending to jump their bonds and that Morris Goldberg received a fee of \$4,500.00 for securing the bonds and Mr. Streech stated he was confident that Carroll would have stood trial had it not become known that he had been identified as one of the participants of the Prineard bank robbery. He stated after that time Carroll got "big" as he knew he would be sentenced to serve a life term in connection with that crime.

Mr. Streech stated he knew that Carroll was a friend of Karpis and the Barkers and that all were friendly with Harry (Dutch) Sawyer, and that they as well as Cannon appear to have substantial connections in St. Paul, as nothing ever happens to them here, although he has reported to the St. Paul Police Department instances when Cannon was well supplied with money and told them what bank it was reported to have come from. He stated, from a confidential source he heard that Carroll was in St. Paul on January 19, 1934. However he doubts that Carroll will attempt to communicate with his wife, as he was living with another woman, name unknown, when the trouble occurred in San Antonio. He further advised that he had been informed that the Burns Detective Agency had found where Carroll had been living in Topeka, Kansas, and that it had also been determined that Karpis and the Barkers had been residing in Topeka at another address. He stated that Karpis, the Barkers and Carroll are reported to have gone to Chicago after the unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Topeka, Kansas.

At a later date, if found advisable, Sally Carroll will be interviewed for information regarding the trip to Chicago with her husband. Some of the foregoing information does not appear relevant to the investigation at present, but has been recorded as received for whatever value it may be for future reference.

It is noted in the memorandum of Special Agent H. D. Bray, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 16, 1934, that reference is made to Sylvester Waters. There is a possibility that this man is an escaped convict from the Texas Penitentiary, as he is known to Special Agent R.C. Coulter of this office, who stated he was sentenced to a term in the Texas State Penitentiary, during or subsequent to 1925. He thereafter escaped, but was apprehended within a year or two, being arrested on a charge of robbery while armed, and was sentenced to serve a term

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of 29 years in the Texas State Penitentiary. Neither of these sentences was under the name of Sylvester Walters. However he is listed under that name as well as Stanley Stewart in the Identification Unit of the Division.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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CC San Antonio

February 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

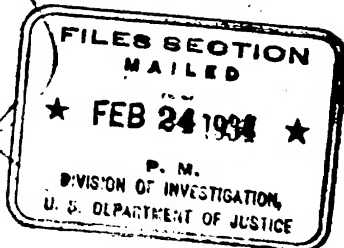
Dear Sir:

In response to your telegram of February 24,  
there are transmitted herewith ten photographs of  
Dorothy Slaymon.

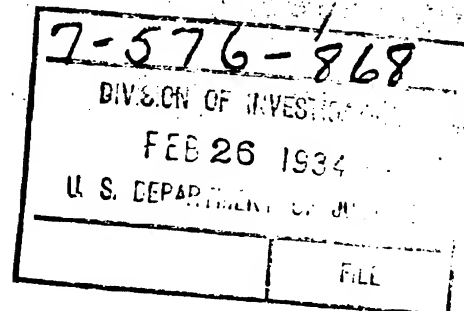
Very truly yours,

Director.

*Edward J. Brennan*



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801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 27, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a letter received at this office from the United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois in connection with the case entitled EDDIE LARUE, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, together with two copies of a letter addressed to the United States Attorney at Springfield, Illinois by the County Attorney at Lincoln, Nebraska.

In response to this letter, I desire to advise that the United States Attorney has been informed that Subject LaRue has admitted his guilt in connection with this violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and further that he has indicated his desire to enter a plea of guilty on this charge.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Jacksonville

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Edward A. Bremer

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THE COUNTY ATTORNEY  
Lancaster County  
Court House  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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February 20  
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Hon. Frank K. Lemon,  
United States Attorney,  
Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that it is the intention of the government to take Eddie LaRue alias Doll, now under arrest in Tampa, Florida, to Springfield, Illinois, for prosecution under the Dyer Act.

We have on file in our courts here a complaint against LaRue charging him with a two million dollar bank robbery and have convicted two of the bank robbers during the past two years.

I am very anxious to secure the return of this man to this county for prosecution, and in view of the fact that the two men convicted here received 25 year sentences, which LaRue would also receive if we were successful in convicting him, I thought possible you would give us an opportunity to try him here.

In the event he should not be convicted, we would stand the expense of returning him to Springfield for you. I will greatly appreciate your co-operation or any help that you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Max G. Towle

County Attorney  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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Department of Justice  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
Southern District of Illinois

87000

Springfield, Ill.  
February 24, 1934

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

In re: Eddie LaRue, alias Edward Doll, etc.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter yesterday received from the County Attorney of Lancaster County, Nebraska. It appears that the State of Nebraska is very anxious to prosecute LaRue for crimes alleged to have been committed by him in that state.

I believe that you are thoroughly familiar with the case pending against LaRue in our district. It is a case in which, to say the least, a successful prosecution would be very doubtful. We have been holding it upon our docket largely in order to assist the Department in the apprehension of LaRue. It is our suggestion that LaRue should be released to that jurisdiction which has the best chance to convict him for one of the more serious crimes which he is alleged to have committed, such as bank robbing, kidnapping, etc.

We have forwarded to the United States Attorney at Florida the necessary documents for the return of LaRue to this district, but believe that the subject-matter of this communication should be given careful consideration by your service before a removal order is actually entered. If LaRue is removed to this district, it might thereafter become more difficult to surrender him to some other jurisdiction for trial than it would be under the present circumstances.

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If there is any information or recommendation which we can make for your assistance in this matter, kindly call upon us.

Yours very truly,  
FRANK K. LEMON  
United States Attorney

(Signed) Marks Alexander

By Marks Alexander  
Ass't. U. S. Attorney

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 27, 1934

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: EDWARD DOLL with aliases, I. O. #1214  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

This is to advise that this morning, by long distance telephone, Special Agent H. E. Andersen from Tampa, Florida, informed that this subject during the past twenty-four hours has become despondent and very much depressed, fearing that when removed he will be taken to South Bend, Indiana, for prosecution in connection with the kidnaping of Howard A. Woolverton, and that he constantly is making inquiry as to whether his brother, Harry Doll, has been picked up in Chicago. He intimated that if his brother, Harry, is taken into custody in Chicago on the information that he has furnished to Division agents at Tampa he, Edward Doll, might attempt to commit suicide. He maintains that when Mr. Woolverton was abducted and confined in his brother's, Harry's, home near Lockport, Illinois, his brother had no knowledge of the fact that Woolverton had been kidnaped and was being held for ransom, and that if Harry is prosecuted in connection with this matter the part he took was at the instance, suggestion and arrangement of his own, Edward Doll's.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
February 25, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

As per your request, there is submitted herewith information as to the assignment of one agent for the purpose of checking St. Paul and Minneapolis stores on the flash lights involved in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Please be advised that in the first place the flash lights, nor the lenses, were available at the time the St. Paul Division Office instituted local inquiry; that on February 11th, telegraphic information was obtained from the New York office that a certain concern in Minneapolis was manufacturer of the particular flash light. Inquiry was immediately started by an agent to ascertain from that concern, the distributors of that particular flash light. It was found that such a concern did not exist in Minneapolis. The New York office was advised and immediately at the same time, the agent assigned was instructed to check all electrical concerns with a view to ascertaining the identity of the manufacturer of the particular flash lights in order to find where they were being distributed. Subsequently, information was received as to the dealers in film-lenses, and upon receipt of that information only a few stores were named, and one agent could properly take care of that assignment. Later, this office was advised that the flash lights were being distributed by a certain chain store, of which there is only one located in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the same agent was assigned to this lead. The investigation in this case was such that there were no leads that could have been checked quicker by more than one agent, unless a store to store canvass would have been undertaken. The same is true with reference to the film-lenses.

During this period other agents at that time at the St. Paul office were engaged in investigative work in connection with the case. In fact, all agents were at all times engaged in carrying out leads in the Bremer case. The flash lights proper have never been available for investigation here, and investigation to ascertain places where such flash lights were being sold was undertaken on the strength of the name only and leads as to distributors. I think the records in the file will indicate this matter was given appropriate and prompt attention.

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The flash lights were forwarded to the Division within two hours after they had been brought to the St. Paul office by the writer, on telephonic request from the Division and they have never been available for identification purposes. The identification made by the saleslady on February 20, 1934, was made on the strength of the photographs the Division furnished of these flash lights.

Very truly yours,

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WILLIAM HARRIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
POST OFFICE BOX 515  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

February 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
ET AL - UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of the 24th instant, for an explanation concerning the investigation performed in the Twin Cities covering the purchase of the flash lights used in the above case, I am attaching hereto copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,

Inspector.

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February 24, 1934

MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Purvis telephoned with reference to one [redacted] alias [redacted] an informant, who claims he can get information from [redacted] concerning a suspect in the Bremer kidnaping case at St. Paul and I told Mr. Purvis that Mr. Rorer was expecting to hear from his office as to Mr. Purvis' conclusions as to the value of [redacted] and, if [redacted] alias [redacted] was needed by Mr. Rorer the Division would authorize the payment to him of a maximum of \$50.00 plus his railroad fare to and from St. Paul, that the ticket should be purchased for him and a small amount of money given to him for the trip to St. Paul and after he had rendered his services the additional funds could be given to him.

I talked to Mr. Tolson about this as I had previously discussed it with you and Mr. Purvis subsequently telephoned and stated that Mr. Rorer wanted this informant sent to St. Paul and Mr. Purvis was authorized to do so in accordance with previously discussed arrangements.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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From  
**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

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Official Indicated below by check mark

MR. NATHAN .....  
MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. EGAN .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. ROBER .....

MEMORANDUM

*The AG handled this by an oral statement.*  
*CMH*

Solicitor General Biggs .....  
Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley .....  
Assistant Attorney General Stephens .....  
Assistant Attorney General Wideman .....  
Assistant Attorney General Keenan .....  
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Assistant Solicitor General MacLean .....  
Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation .....  
Mr. Bates, Director of Prisons .....  
Mr. Stewart, Administrative Assistant .....  
Board of Parole .....  
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney .....  
Mr. Gardner { General Agent .....  
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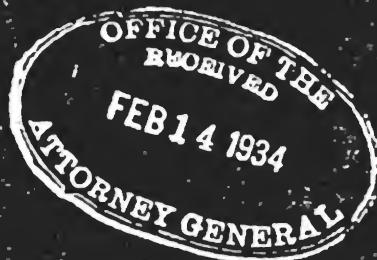
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1934.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota, I desire to advise you of the following circumstances that have been reported to me by the Special Agents at St. Paul:

A Special Agent was stationed in the home of the father of Edward G. Bremer, and on the night that Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers upon his arrival at his father's home, the Special Agent in this home advises that one of his first inquiries was whether the serial numbers of the currency delivered as ransom had been turned over to the Federal investigators. He became highly indignant upon learning that these had been delivered to our Special Agents, indicating that the kidnapers had threatened that members of Mr. Bremer's family would be killed or injured should this information become known.

An employee of Mr. Bremer's bank by the name of Miss Dickman, who occupies a position similar to that of Secretary to Mr. Edward G. Bremer, received one of the ransom notes, but when Special Agents questioned her she claimed that she could not tell whether the individual delivering the note was tall or short, fat or thin, because it was too dark. Special Agents have examined the premises and have found that there is, even at night, sufficient illumination for an identification to be made on the porch where the note was delivered.

On February 12, 1934, the Mr. Bremer who had been kidnaped cried during the course of the questioning of him and expressed fear that his daughter would be killed in the event he talked and he indicated that he would not make a positive identification, but shortly thereafter he tried to convince the Special Agent that he had told him everything that he knew. He admits not being blindfolded for several days during the course of his incarceration but he continues to claim that he cannot identify any one of his kidnapers and to represent that he did not even see their shoes or any part of their bodies. It was in the daytime that he was kidnaped but he denies that he can give any description of the individuals who participated in this kidnaping.

Mr. Bremer has, during the past few days, given some details concerning the description of the place where he was held. Due to his

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Memorandum for the Attorney General.

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attitude, however, the Special Agents are unable to conclude whether these details are true or false. He gives the appearance of being a thoroughly frightened individual. Of course, his attitude is not one which is very helpful to the Special Agents of this Division who are attempting to identify and cause the apprehension of the kidnapers.

With reference to our recent conversations concerning this situation, I desired to advise you of these additional facts. In the event you consider it advisable to issue any statement concerning this matter I am submitting, attached hereto, a suggested draft of such a statement for your consideration.

The most recent reports from Special Agents at St. Paul are to the effect that the apparent hostility of Mr. Bremer is not believed to be personal but is thought to be a hostility that is general toward all those who would seek the solution of this crime.

Respectfully,

  
Director.

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311 Harley-Wright Bldg  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER,  
Victim of KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram dated February 26, 1934. In connection therewith, Special Agent H. P. Burruss was advised by Mr. J. C. Dale, Financial Service, Veterans Administration, that check payable to Mrs. Paula Harmon in the amount of \$1585 was mailed to her, care of General Delivery, Winnie, Texas, on October 19, 1932. This check was returned and was subsequently sent to her on November 3, 1932, care of O. H. Pennock, Post Office Box #732, Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Dale further informed Agent Burruss that the file reflected that Charles Preston Harmon, while serving in the army during the World War, made application for a \$10,000 insurance policy and that same was discontinued effective June 6, 1919, on account of non-payment of dues. The file also indicates that his mother, Martha A. Harmon, resided at Mount Enterprise, Texas. Agent Burruss arranged with Mr. Dale of the Veterans Administration to have a flash placed in the Veterans Administration file pertaining to Charles Preston Harmon, IC-825449, to notify the Washington Field Office should any further correspondence of any nature whatsoever be received from Paula Harmon or anyone else having interest in this case.

Very truly yours,

HARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, Dallas, telephoned. He inquired about the status of the Transient Bureau, and he was informed that they were a part of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. He wanted to know if there was jurisdiction to investigate if a theft or fraud against the organization occurred, and I suggested that he endeavor to have this matter referred to the Division of Investigations, Department of the Interior. He indicated that there had been a loss to the local organization at Dallas of about \$750.

Mr. Blake asked for a picture of Paula Harmon, and it was ascertained that such a photograph was available and he requested that photographs and fingerprints of this individual be forwarded to his office as she was being sought for questioning in the Bremer case and he felt that the photographs and fingerprints would be helpful as she originally came from the Dallas territory.

Respectfully,

E. H. Clegg.

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Edward J. Bremer



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February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

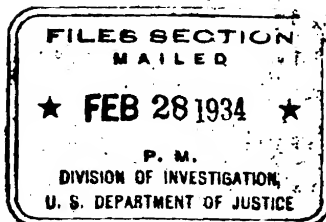
With reference to your recent letter concerning an interview with Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., you are advised that the Washington field office contacted Mr. Jamie for the primary purpose of ascertaining the hide-out place in the Koolverton kidnaping case so that it might be determined whether this was the same house in which Mr. Bremer was held.

Mr. Jamie stated that he had heard from his son in Chicago and his son had advised him of the request of the Chicago office for information contained in Mr. Jamie's files and he, in turn, had requested his son to turn over any information of this character which might be desired by the Chicago office.

He claims that he did not have any of these files with him here.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Laboratory Report

February 23, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects (Letter addressed to Postmaster, St. Paul, postmarked Cleveland, Ohio, 2-3-34), Adolph Bremer, Victim; Extortion. Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 letter addressed to U.S. Postmaster, St. Paul, Minn., postmarked 2-3-34. 1 note enclosed beginning "Please deliver enclosed letter". 1 envelope enclosed addressed to Adolph Bremer. 1 note beginning "Place this add in wed. mornings paper".

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

The outside envelope measures 7.11 by 3.93 inches. It has a linen finish and there is no water-mark. The inside envelope addressed to Adolph Bremer measures 5.75 by 3.79 inches. It is a heavy cream paper with a mottled water-mark finish. There is no water-mark design of the manufacturer. This envelope is lined with solid brown colored paper which extends completely over the flap and is as wide as the envelope and extends 2.8 inches further. This lining is .0021 inches thick.

The three pages of the letter are written on identical paper measuring 7.88 by 4.98 inches. The paper has green lines .35 inches apart and there is no water-mark. The handwriting on the envelopes and on the letters is identical but this is not like other handwriting in this or other cases.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Special Agent W. A. Roser,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Adolph Bremer,  
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division

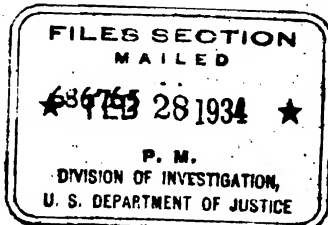
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Post Office Box 311,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

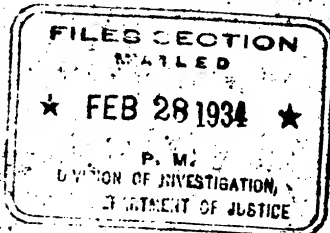
ALL Field Offices

Dear Sir:

In connection with the further investigation of the case involving the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer of St. Paul, Minnesota, you are advised that this case has been made a special assignment under the direct supervision of Inspector W. A. Rorer.

All communications addressed to St. Paul relative to this matter should be forwarded to Mr. Rorer at the address of the St. Paul office. Upon receipt of any letter, telegram or telephone call from Mr. Rorer, his request should be complied with immediately as he has been designated in full charge of the investigation.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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P. O. Box 1276  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
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Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
et al., Edward G. Bremer -  
Victim - Kidnaping.

Reference is made to a telegram from the St. Paul office to this office, dated February 27, 1934, requesting that specimens of handwriting other than signatures be obtained of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Please be advised that search of the files in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary failed to show any handwriting of these individuals other than signatures.

The office of the Parole and Pardon Attorney, state of Oklahoma, has a record on Davis and Doc Barker. Five letters written by Davis, when he was in the McAlester State Penitentiary, were found in this file, were borrowed, with the promise that they would be returned, and are transmitted herewith. These letters were receipted for and should be carefully preserved as it was definitely requested that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

The records of the Pardon and Parole Attorney do not disclose any specimens of handwriting of Arthur (Doc) Barker other than signature. I am transmitting herewith three parole reports purporting to bear his signature; one for February, 1933, rendered February 27, 1933 at Neosho, Missouri and witnessed by M. M. Roley, S. A. Keller and G. E. Barker, and in this parole report Doc Barker states that he was employed sixteen days during that month by S. A. Keller at Neosho, Missouri. Another for March, 1933, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, with the return address, Box 174 of that town, dated March 28, 1933, in which he stated that that would be his address indefinitely and that for eighteen days he worked for different parties as a common laborer at \$1.50 per day, and witnessed by Jack Ziller and Rannie Farmer. The third report is for January, 1934, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, return address Post Office Box 174 of that town, dated January 30, 1934, in which he states that he will be at this address indefinitely, and that he has worked twenty days for different

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parties as a common laborer and has earned \$54.00. It is witnessed by Jack Ziller and Mrs. Rannie Farmer.

Application for Banishment Parole bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained from the records of the Pardon Attorney's office and also an Application for Clemency, dated June 16, 1931, bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained at the Pardon Attorney's office and are transmitted herewith.

There was found in the file of Doc Barker at the Pardon Attorney's office a letter dated February 14, 1934, written at Neosho, Missouri, and signed George E. Barker, address Post Office Box 174, Neosho, requesting that some parole report blanks for his son, Doc Barker, be forwarded. A similar letter, dated March 28, 1933, signed George E. Barker, Post Office box 174, was obtained. There is nothing to indicate that these letters are in the handwriting of Doc Barker and are not being transmitted herewith.

All of the documents forwarded herewith have been copied and information contained therein in the nature of leads will be collated and proper investigation conducted.

The Kansas City office was apprised today telephonically of the names appearing on these parole reports.

As is indicated, no handwriting specimens could be found of Harry Campbell. Agent Hollis informs me that he has made a thorough search of the records in the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but has been unable to obtain any specimens of Harry Campbell's handwriting there. He will conduct further investigation in an effort to obtain such specimens and, if obtained, same will be forwarded forthwith to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.  
cc-St. Paul  
Kansas City



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 20, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

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Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, postmarked 1-30-34, at  
St. Louis, Mo., and marked Personal.  
1 letter beginning "This is to let you know that your son"  
1 newspaper ad re instant case  
1 letter and envelope addressed to Mr. A. Bremer and written by  
a Catholic priest.

Examination requested by:

St. Louis Office.

Date received: February 13, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 13. The pencil script with which the letter was written is the same as the envelope. The letter measures 9.9 by 8 inches and there is no water-mark in either the envelope or letter. The letter was probably torn from a pad. The scheme used in this case is similar to that used in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edsel Ford, et al, Victims; Extortion, and the name Harold E. Harlan under which the pay-off man was to register also compares with the name Harold C. Benson used in the Ford case in an exactly similar manner.

The fingerprint powders and iodine have stained this letter and should not have been applied in the field.

There are no particular similarities between the handwriting in this letter and in the other cases. This handwriting will be kept for comparison with other specimens as they are received.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN APLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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Special Agent E. E. Sengoy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 536,  
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim;  
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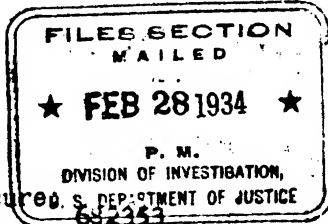
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Division February 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 23, 1934.

Case: Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Number: 7-576  
Kidnaping.

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to Adolph Bremer and postmarked Brooklyn, N.Y., 1-31-34 - two page letter enclosed beginning "The greatest shock of my life came" - page 2 beginning "Edward is very ill", letter signed by James M. Powers.

Examination requested by: New York Office.

Date received: February 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

February 16. The envelope measures 6.49 by 3.68 inches and there is no water-mark. The letter was written on two pages of the letter-head of James M. Power, Democratic Club Incorporated in Brooklyn. The stationery has already been identified.

The handwriting was compared with that of Clara Feldman and others in the Urschel case for the reason that it is the same style of writing and possesses some similarities. It, however, is not identical with that writing. Attention is invited to the composition and spelling in this letter indicating it was written by a person with little education.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.

Re: Unknown Subjects; Edward G. Bremer,  
Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

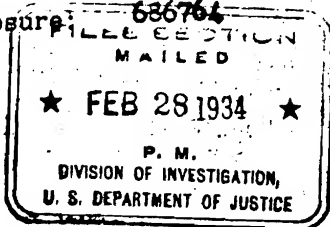
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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York

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February 28, 1934

Director  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Kidnaping and Murder of Charles  
A. Lindbergh, Jr.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of two memoranda submitted by Special Agent T. H. Sisk of this office under date of February 6, 1934, concerning information furnished by the informant Betty Jane Guthrie, who suspects that one R. F. D. Lemon is implicated in the Lindbergh kidnaping. It will be noted that she also suspects Lemon of being involved in the Bremer kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

F. X. PAT,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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New York City, N.Y.  
February 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
KIDNAPING AND MURDER OF  
CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, Jr.

On January 26, 1934, Miss Betty Jane Guthrie called at the New York Division Office to impart further information relative to the individual R.F.D. Lemon, whom she accuses of kidnaping the Lindbergh baby. She stated that in recent months Lemon has been associating with the following individuals, who may possibly have some connection with the Lindbergh case:

SAMUEL HERSHENSTEIN, Attorney, 25 Broadway, New York City. According to Miss Guthrie, this individual is a former Assistant District Attorney in New York County, and may be "all right" as he is becoming suspicious of Lemon. Hershenstein was retained to draw up a broker's contract for Lemon and his crowd, according to Miss Guthrie.

AL HARTMAN. Miss Guthrie believes that this individual is associated with Brown & Secord, brokers, 341 Madison Avenue, New York City, who are allegedly promoting the stock of the Lava Cap Gold Mining Corp., of which Lemon is presently endeavoring to gain control. Miss Guthrie stated that Lynn N. Secord one of the partners of the above firm, is a disbarred St. Louis lawyer, and resides at the Hotel Lexington, New York City. She stated there is a possibility that this individual may be assisting Lemon in the passage of the Lindbergh ransom money.

HAROLD BROWN, 320 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., and his brother, NED BROWN, 2662 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. Miss Guthrie states that these brothers are also partners in the firm of Brown & Secord, and are not beyond suspicion in this matter.

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Miss Guthrie further advised that in July 1933, Lemon <sup>applied</sup> arranged for a license to sell Lava Cap Gold Mining stock but as far as she knows the license has not as yet been granted. She stated the Federal Securities Corp. of 80 Center Street, New York City, are investigating the application and that it is her intention to appear before them and expose Lemon to the end that his application will be denied. Miss Guthrie further stated that it is her intention to appear before the Internal Revenue Bureau relative to Lemon's income tax returns and to expose him to that Bureau.

She stated that she recently learned that some of Lemon's trunks are in storage at the Davis Express Co., New York City, and that Lemon continuously visits the storage rooms and opens these trunks. Miss Guthrie gives an opinion that some of the ransom money in the Lindbergh case may be concealed in these trunks.

Miss Guthrie furnished the further information that Lemon's son, who she alleges is also involved in the Lindbergh case, is presently in a hospital somewhere in New York City. She stated that this is a suspicious circumstance inasmuch as there was a hold-up in New York City around the holidays and one of the suspects answers young Lemon's description. Miss Guthrie stated it would be wise to check up and find out whether young Lemon was in the hospital suffering from a gun shot wound as he possibly was involved in the hold-up.

Miss Guthrie further advised that Arthur Hoge, an attorney of Palo Alto, Calif., has been actively associated with Lemon for quite a long time. She stated that Mr. Hoge is a high class person and was formerly president of one of Lemon's gold companies. She stated that Lemon used Hoge in establishing a residence in California, and that Hoge innocently assisted him in establishing his alibi in connection with the Lindbergh case by procuring for Lemon, letters of introduction dated March 1, 1932.

She further stated that Lemon's business associate, Walmsley, is beginning to break with Lemon, but that it was not yet safe to interview him.

Miss Guthrie stated it is her intention to notify the New York Office when it would be safe to interview Walmsley.

T.H. SISK,  
Special Agent

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

February 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: Unknown subjects  
Kidnaping and murder of  
Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Miss Betty Jane Guthrie, who has alleged that one R. F. D. Lemon is the kidnaper in this case, called the writer by telephone on February 2, 1934 and advised she had important information to impart. Miss Guthrie stated she was calling from the Grand Central, one block from the New York office, and would rather not come to the New York office to report her information because Lemon might see her entering the building, and cause her bodily harm, he having already threatened to throw acid in her face.

Miss Guthrie was interviewed at a nearby restaurant, selected by herself and imparted the following information.

Lemon recently called a meeting of the officers and directors of the Lavacap Gold Mining Corporation to be held in New York City at noon on Saturday, February 3, 1934. Although Lemon called this meeting himself, and everyone expected him to be there, it was not his intention to be present. His scheme, according to Miss Guthrie, was to have everyone at the meeting and out of his way while he made a secret trip out of town to a point somewhere in the middle West. Miss Guthrie stated that Lemon was desperate for money to save the Lavacap Mining Company and the purpose of his trip was to get \$60,000.00 cash in "hot money." Eventually, she stated, Lemon planned to procure one million dollars in cash from unknown sources. Inquiry was made of Miss Guthrie as to the source of her information, how she knew the money in question was "hot money" and exactly where Lemon would procure same. In reply she stated that no legitimate banker or business concern would extend credit to Lemon because he had been completely discredited in financial circles. Consequently his only recourse was to "hot money". Although she would not definitely so state, Miss Guthrie indicated that the source of her information was Miss Julia Hart, former secretary of the Lavacap who has in the past furnished Miss Guthrie with much of her information regarding Lemon's activities.

(It is pointed out that both Miss Hart and Miss Guthrie at one time were employed by Lemon.) Miss Guthrie further stated that she had reason to believe the \$60,000.00 in question was part of the ransom money paid in some kidnaping case in the middle west, quite possibly, the Bremer case. Miss Guthrie advised that she is not prepared at the present time to state how she links Lemon to the Bremer case and remarked that in her opinion it was up to this Division to find out in what way Lemon is implicated in this particular case. She requested that the New York Division office place Lemon's residence at the Beaux Arts Apartments, New York City, under surveillance over the week end and follow him when he left on his secret trip for the purpose of ascertaining the source from which he was obtaining the \$60,000.00. Miss Guthrie had many suggestions to offer concerning the proper way to investigate Lemon. Among there were the following:

Search his room.

Open his trunks in the basement of the apartment.

Listen in on his telephone conversations, and obtain all phone calls made from his apartment for the past few months and allow her to examine them and explain to the New York Office the identity of each person called and how he or she might fit into the picture.

Miss Guthrie also requested, if possible, that the New York Division office make an energetic effort to locate safety deposit boxes or bank accounts in the name of Lemon or his associates. Miss Guthrie stated that if this were done and Lemon's safety deposit boxes were opened several big crimes including a number of kidnapings would undoubtedly be solved. In connection with Lemon's bank account, it is stated that Miss Guthrie through an attorney named Nickerson is interested in a civil suit against Lemon, and it is her intention if any of Lemon's assets can be located, to have Nickerson file an attachment against them. Miss Guthrie also repeated what she had previously stated that Lemon's group and her group were fighting for control of the Lavacap Mining Company. She stated that as a result of this fight and the fact that she has brought Lemon's criminal activities out into the open he has threatened to "get her" and she no longer leaves her home at night for fear of reprisal.

In addition to the above, Miss Guthrie stated that Lemon has two new associates named Max Lehman and Al Hartman concerning whom she knew nothing except that they are of a low order. She suggested that they be checked as they may be involved with Lemon in some of his kidnaping cases. Miss Guthrie inquired as to how the investigation of Lemon was getting along, and wanted to be informed as to what had been developed to date. No information was imparted to her.

In conclusion Miss Guthrie stated that she recently had a long distance telephone conversation with Mr. Robert W. Whoolley, through whom she says, her information concerning Lemon was placed before the Attorney General. Miss Guthrie stated that Mr. Whoolley inquired of her during this conversation as to whether the Government was investigating Lemon or merely "playing around" with the information furnished. She further stated that Mr. Whoolley was awaiting word from her before seeing the Attorney General relative to the progress of the investigation. Miss Guthrie went on to state that she knew many prominent people and intended to use her influence, if necessary, to have an investigation conducted which would positively show that Lemon actually kidnaped the Lindbergh baby himself. She stated that she is at the present time arranging through a friend of hers to have an interview with Mrs. Roosevelt about the matter. As to Lemon's guilt she stated there is no question. Of this she is positive.

Miss Guthrie went on to state that Lemon's activities since the first of June, 1934 were exactly the same as his activities in the Spring of 1932 when he kidnaped the Lindbergh baby. She stated that he is now living over again the life he led in the Spring of 1932 and is unquestionably preparing at the present time to perpetrate another big kidnaping, which will be a sort of sequel to the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Miss Guthrie was informed that the information furnished by her would be reported to the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division office. On the day of its receipt the information furnished by Miss Guthrie was reported to S.A.C. F. X. Fay who stated no action would be taken as to same.

The report of Special Agent H. R. Philbrick dated San Francisco, 1/18/34 shows that Lemon was registered at the Stewart Hotel in San Francisco on March 1, 1932, and that he checked out of this hotel and registered at the National Hotel, Nevada City, California, on March 2, 1932 remaining there until March 14, 1932. Inasmuch as Lemon was in San Francisco on March 1, 1932 the date the Lindbergh baby was kidnaped, it would have been impossible for him to have kidnaped the child himself.

The report of Agent Philbrick indicates that Lemon was in California during the greater portions of the months of February and March, 1932, and refutes various information given by Miss Guthrie concerning this individual. In view of the above investigation conducted by the San Francisco office, no further investigative attention will be given to the information furnished by Miss Guthrie.

T. H. SISK  
Special Agent

*CSH*

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
203 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
Chicago File #7-82.

In keeping with your letter of February 23, 1934, there  
is being enclosed herewith 20 copies of the photographs of the fol-  
lowing persons, together with the originals which you sent to this  
office:

Robert Schmidt  
Thomas Carroll  
Morris Roisman  
Clarence (Doc) Sawyer  
William Weaver  
Dorothea Slaymore

I am also enclosing two additional photographs of Dorothy  
Slaymon which were received from the Division today, in view of the  
fact that they are an improvement over the above noted.

In addition you requested copies of the photo of "Go-About  
Reiley", John Waters and John Davis. Our files disclose Waters to  
be identical with Reiley. We have only a photostat of this man's  
picture, so we wired Kansas City to secure copies of this photo at  
Des Moines, Iowa, and forward to you. It is presumed that you have  
received this man's picture by this time. Our files failed to re-  
flect a John Davis.

I am also enclosing herewith 20 copies of the front and  
profile views of the following, which will be of assistance to you:  
Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur Barker, Volney Davis, and Harry  
Campbell.

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Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge.

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February 26, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of several communications relative to the publicity which has been given to the identification of the wall paper in the room where Mr. Bremer was held in custody; also relative to the fact that the serial numbers on the bank notes were retained, and concerning knowledge of the alleged movements of those involved, and also with reference to the fact that an unidentified man and woman fled from an apartment in St. Paul the day after Mr. Bremer's abduction.

It is my firm conviction that information of this kind should not be published in connection with kidnaping cases, and I am in full agreement with those holding such a belief and have so informed them.

I desire that you ascertain, if possible, how this information became known, as it obviously emanated from some source in either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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*H. C. [Signature]*

*Edward G. Bremer*

1531 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
February 26, 1934.

Mr. John C. Peck,  
Sheriff,  
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:  
ALVIN KARPIS, with alias;  
ARTHUR BARKER, with aliases;  
EDW. G. BREMER - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

In connection with an investigation being made by this office, it is respectfully requested that you call on Milton Wright at Roswell, who is apparently a news dealer selling the St. Paul Daily News of St. Paul, Minnesota, and confidentially ascertain from Mr. Wright if he is selling or has had calls for any issues of the above named paper recently, and whether the persons purchasing such papers are known to him.

I will ask you to treat this matter very confidentially and if you obtain any information, kindly advise me at once and an appropriate investigation will be made by an agent from this office.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/27/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/23/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>S. K. MCKEE</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases; ARTHUR BARKER with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> W. C. Juniac, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois, was issued 1933 Illinois license #176-876 for use on 1929 Ford tudor, motor No. A-1194268; same license used from 8/18/33 until 2/20/34 on 1935 Plymouth coach, motor No. PC 163283; plates destroyed 2/20/34; neither car nor plates were ever out of possession of owner. Albert Dedic, 2528 South Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was issued 1933 Illinois license No. 176-867 for use on 1929 Ford tudor, motor No. A-108078; neither car nor plates ever out of possession of owner; plates displayed to Agent.</p>			
<p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Telegram from Inspector W. A. Rorer, St. Paul, Minnesota, 2/23/34, and copy of letter dated 2/19/34 from St. Louis office to St. Paul office.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT NILES CENTER, ILLINOIS.</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b> Interview was had with Mrs. William C. Juniac, Apartment 2, 4827 Lee Street, Niles Center, Illinois, in the absence from home of her husband. She stated that her husband is manager of "The Dental Student Magazine" and has an office in the Palmolive Building, Chicago, Illinois. Concerning 1933 Illinois license plates No. 176-876, Mrs. Juniac said same were issued to her husband for use on a Ford tudor sedan. She advised the Ford car had been traded in during August, 1933, on a Plymouth coach and the licenses were used on the latter car from the date of the trade until</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. A. Quinn</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-886</b> <b>MAR 2 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one R/S</i>	
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Monday, February 20, 1934, at which time they were replaced at the Blameuser Motor Sales, Niles Center, Illinois, for 1934 license, the 1933 plates being left at the premises of the motor company. Mrs. Juniac produced an insurance policy of the North British Mercantile Company, 150 William Street, New York City, which described the Ford car formerly owned by her husband as a 1929 Ford tudor, bearing motor No. A-1194268. She said this car was of a beige color at the time of purchase, but had been painted black about a year ago. She produced an owners card relating to 1933 Plymouth coach, motor No. PC 163283, serial No. 1843224, blue black in color, which stated on its face that the above car had been purchased from the Blameuser Motor Sales, Niles Center, Illinois, on August 18, 1933.

Mrs. Juniac stated, further, that her husband used his car mainly for commuting from Niles Center, Illinois, to the city of Chicago and return; and, that he left his car parked on the street in Chicago during business hours. She, also, advised her husband has not been away on a trip since January 1, 1934, and the license plates in question have not been stolen or loaned to anybody during the period from January 1, 1934, to the time the plates were replaced with new ones.

Arthur Brenke, Blameuser Motor Sales, 8008 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Ill., was contacted and he stated, in response to questions, that he had changed license plates for W. C. Juniac during the forepart of the week of February 19, 1934; that Mr. Juniac had left his old plates at the garage and that same had been burned.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Albert Dedie, 2528 South Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago, presently unemployed, was interviewed. When questioned regarding 1933 Illinois plates No. 176-867, he immediately produced same and displayed them to the writer. He likewise produced his 1933 registration card, which indicated the above plates had been issued for use on a 1929 Ford tudor sedan, motor No. A-108078, dark green in color. Dedie stated the above plates and car have been in his continuous possession for the past year; and, that he has never loaned his car to anybody. He advised, further, that the only time he has been out of the city during the past two months was on January 27, 1934, the occasion being a one day trip to Sumava, Indiana, and return.

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The above data would seem to indicate that neither the license plates nor the automobiles of Messrs. Juniac and Dedie could have been used in connection with the captioned matter.

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# 392

Laboratory Report

February 24, 1934.

Case: Edward Doll, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I. O. #1214.

Number: 7-576

Specimens: 1 agreement between G. Kelly and Genarro Spiznoco  
signed by George Kelly.

Examination requested by: Boston Office.

Date received: February 17, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

February 19. A comparison of the handwriting with that of George R. (Machine Gun) Kelly indicates that the latter is distinctly different. A comparison was made with the signature of Edward Doll as it appears on I. O. #1214. A signature such as this one does not show enough of the normal characteristics to enable a decision to be made; however, some of the characteristics are very similar; for instance, wherever he writes "ll", Doll makes the first "l" very much smaller than the second and the curve between the first and second is distinctive. This appears in the agreement. The slant is the same, the manner of making the "r", and several other characteristics so that it may be said Doll could very easily have written the agreement. If additional specimens of the handwriting of Doll are obtained a more positive conclusion may be made.

- ✓ 1 - Director (1 copy for Kelly file).
- 2 - Boston.
- 3 - Laboratory (1 copy for Kelly file).

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*Dr. B. P.*

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MAR 3 - 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

RE: EDWARD DOLL, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1214.

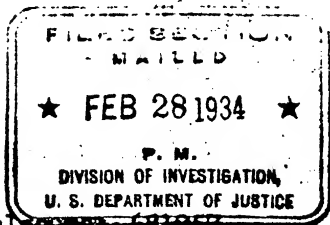
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division on February 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.



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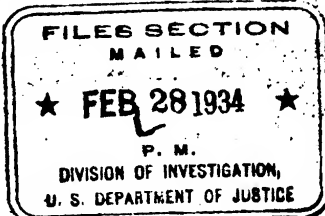
February 27, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 815,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the laboratory report dated February 26, 1934, in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, describing the black handbag submitted by your office, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of five photographic views of this handbag. Additional photographs are available for yours or auxiliary offices upon request.

The Washington Field Office is at present conducting investigation with a view to identifying the manufacturer and subsequently the distributors and retailers of this bag.



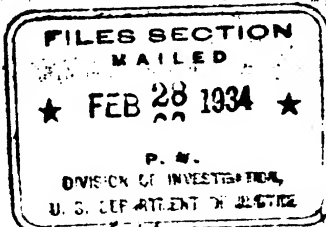
Very truly yours,

Director.

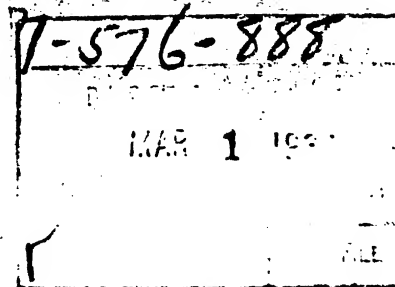
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minn.**

FILE NO. **7-22 Ms**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>H. E. Roberts,</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Rev. John E. Ellis, Columbus, Ga., denies knowledge of Mrs. Paula Harmon's whereabouts, but states information can possibly be procured through her father at Port Arthur, Texas.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent H. T. Arterberry, Dallas, Texas, 2/17/34.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT COLUMBUS, GA.:</b>			
<p><b>H. G. Poole, Postal Carrier #5, was interviewed and stated that he carries mail to 310 - 13th Street; that he does not know of anyone excepting John E. Ellis and his family receiving mail at his place; that he is the minister of the St. Paul Methodist Church and is considered a reputable citizen in the community. Agent displayed the photographs of Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell to Mr. Poole and he stated that he has not seen any of them around this neighborhood.</b></p> <p><b>Rev. John E. Ellis, 310 - 13th Street, was interviewed and stated that Mrs. D. B. Brammon is his sister; that he does not know the name of his niece at this time, since she married on one or two occasions and it is possible that it is Harmon; that Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brammon, resided on a farm near Columbus, Ga., in a community known as Midland, Georgia, for about six months, coming here from Texas; that they left here in June, 1933, for Port Arthur, Texas, where they reside at 337 DeQueen Boulevard; that their daughter Paula did not come to visit them while they were near Columbus and has not been here for fifteen years; that his brother-in-law, D. B. Brammon, is honest and trustworthy and could be depended on to do what is right in the event he should be taken into the confidence of the Government. Mr. Ellis stated that while the Brammons lived in Columbus, they told</b></p>			
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him their daughter Paula was living either in St. Louis or Kansas City, Missouri, with her deceased husband's relatives. He did not know the names of any of these relatives, but stated that their names might have been Harmon since Agent stated that is the name she is known by at this time. Rev. Ellis promised to treat the contact confidential and would not mention same to his sister. No information was given Rev. Ellis whatsoever as to the nature of the inquiry.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DALLAS OFFICE at Port Arthur, Texas, will contact Mr. D. B. Bramon, 537 DeQueen Blvd., for information as to Paula Harmon's whereabouts, if it seems it advisable.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/25-27/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. B. WINSTEAD.</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. Edward G. Bremer - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paula Harmon had safety deposit box, Houston. Fingerprinted at Houston, 1932. Had camera snapshots made of herself after auto accident. Phillip Mauhar lived with her at Beaumont. Called Chicago and St. Paul by telephone and wired Vivian Moore, phone Jackson 7073, Kansas City, April 21, 1933. No photographs of Paula at Port Arthur. Arthur, from Philadelphia, recalled.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C.B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 2-23-34; and report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-20-34.

**DETAILS:**

Vivian Childs, wife of Clyde Childs, Beaumont, Texas, met Paula Harmon at the home of Mrs. Charlie Face at 2019 Bissonett Street, Houston, Texas, when she with one of Charlie Harmon's sisters called on Mrs. Face - in the summer of 1932. Later she and Paula moved to Galveston, Texas and rented a house out near the beach where they made beer. People objected, moved out in a week.

They also stayed in two small hotels across the street from the Buccaneer Hotel, Galveston, but never registered or rented a house in those names. Paula Harmon had money kept in safety deposit box in a bank on Main, two or three blocks from the Rice Hotel, South, in Houston, in a new building. They came from Galveston to Beaumont together. They parted and she next

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while living on Madison Street. Paula moved from Madison Street to Center Street, and then left Beaumont about Easter, 1933 - and she has never seen or heard from her since.

When Paula first married Dennis Woods she was about 15 or 16 years of age, and Mr. Quinn and his wife took Paula in. He is the elder of the Quinn Brothers in Galveston, Texas.

She went with Paula on one occasion to the Red Cross Office on Fannin, a block from the Old Royal Theatre to see about Charlie Harmon's Government Insurance or Bonus Money.

She also went to the Police Station in Houston, Texas with Paula and talked with Bob Ellis, then Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, to try to get a set of Charlie's fingerprints, and while there that day - either in August or September, 1932 - Ellis took Paula's fingerprints to be sent to Washington to identify herself.

Right after Paula had her wreck in Louisiana, she bought a farm out near Cheek or Fannett, Texas, and was living with Dennis Woods, she had some photographs - small snapshots - made of herself. One she recalls Paula was wearing a green dress and she was standing by some horses.

Mrs. Velma Turk stated that she knows Paula intended to return to Beaumont when she left about the last of April, 1933, because she hired a negro girl to keep the house at 994 Center Street alone for Theo Riley.

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The Aircraft, Trost & Papson Photograph Galleries' Records were checked. Paula Harmon's name does not appear therein.

Dennis Woods stated that so far as he knows Paula never had her photograph taken after her automobile accident. He stated that her brother Bird Brannon has been working at the sub-office of the County Tax Collector at Port Arthur.

Wesley Brannon, another brother, is employed by the Texas Company at Port Arthur.

A Mr. Miller is in charge of the Tax Collector's Office at Port Arthur, and it was learned that he through friendship for Bird Brannon, gave him work in that office. The necessity for his service terminated Feb. 20th. Mr. Miller was not in at the time of Agent's call, but Miller is a friend of A.R. Brantle



Superintendent of the City Identification Bureau, Port Arthur, who has assisted this Agent and Agent Arterberry in this matter, and Brantley will endeavor to prevail upon Mr. Miller to try to ascertain Paula's whereabouts from Bird Brannon. Brantley will notify the Dallas Office.

mon, 337 DeQueen Blvd., Northern District, Philadelphia, 19134. Tracing furnished the Dallas Office was not possible. The handwriting of Paul Harmon, however, it was determined, Superintendent of Mills & Paul Arthur, Philadelphia, and, if any can be identified as the person at the Harmon residence, 601 DeQueen Blvd., he will immediately advise the Dallas Office.

The records of the telephone company at Beaumont, Texas, disclose that telephone No. 6855 was installed at 775 Madison Street in the name of Preston Harmon, October 3, 1932; removed to 994 Center Street, February 10, 1933; removed from that address May 29, 1933, "abandoned".

Long distance calls placed from that number during the above periods, were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Called</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
10-8-32	Madeline	Chicago, Ill	Lakeview 7706
10-8-32	Margaret Black (Stated phone listed under Margaret Black's name; telephone company em- ployee noted on ticket Margaret Black's number)	Chicago, Ill	Lakeview 7706
1-23-33	Madeline Snyder	Chicago	Lakeview 7706
1-31-33	Mrs. Gladys Sawyer	St. Paul	Emerson 2002
2-1-33	Johnny Frank's Wrecking Co.	Houston, Texas	Preston 6207
2-2-33	" " " " " "	" " " " " "	" " " " " "
	NOTE: On February 1, 1933, a collect call was placed from Preston 6207, Houston - Johnny Frank's Wrecking Co., by one Lockery, call- ing Miller at 6855 - Beaumont.		
2-17-33	***	Houston, Texas	Preston 6911
2-25-33	***	Galveston, Texas	9396
	NOTE: On April 21, 1933, Western Union Telegram to Kansas City, charged to phone 6855.		
5-25-33		Huntington, Texas	14-11 & 35.
6-25-33	Lee Harrison	Houston, Texas	Wayside 3864
10-11-32	Stonewell J. Smith	Houston, Texas.	San Jacinto Hotel.
	Note on ticket:		

Checked out; try Federated Metal Company,  
North Street, Dallas, phone 8-9151, and Hilton Hotel, Dallas;  
never talked. Call passed to Tulsa; no phone.

It was ascertained at Dallas that the Federated Metal Company is operated by Stonewell J. Smith, whose home is at Farmersville, Texas. Smith handles type and stereotype metals and stores his merchandise at a warehouse at 2301 Worth Street, Dallas, but travels all over the country all of the time.

With reference to the charge against telephone No. 6855, April 21, 1933, for Western Union Telegram, Mr. M. G. McGee, Manager of the Western Union at Beaumont, Texas, permitted Agent to read the telegram referred to as it was not paid for and was charged back by the telephone company to the Western Union in July 1933. The telegram reads:

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It will be noted by report of Special Agent W.F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 7-3-33 in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, on page 15, that telephone Jackson 7073, Kansas City, was the telephone in the house occupied by Verne Miller.

On page 20 of report of Special Agent Trainor, dated at Kansas City, 2-20-34, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward G. Bremer (Victim) - it is stated that "with reference to report of Agent Fallon, page 3, dated at Oklahoma City, 9-19-32, in the Nash, Holden and Keating Case, \*\*\* showed that Jack Carter acted as a go-between for Karpis and Fred Barker."

The Dallas Office does not have that reference report, and it is suggested that any information the Kansas City Office may have which would indicate that Jack Baxley is the Jack Carter connected with the Kansas City Massacre, be furnished the Dallas Office.

Jack Baxley was reported recently by his wife Grace to be in Florida, and it is known that they have at times stopped in Miami, Fla.

During the middle of February, 1934, Grace Baxley still was at her father's home on W. Bow Street in Tyler, Texas, but Jack Baxley was not there. The telephone number of T. E. Smith, Grace Baxley's father, in Tyler, is 2177-N.

The information concerning long distance calls placed to Chicago and St. Paul by Paula Harmon, was furnished the St. Paul and Chicago Offices.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE will ascertain from Bob Ellis, former Superintendent of the Identification Bureau at Houston, Texas, what became of the fingerprints taken by him of Paula Harmon at her request in the summer of

Fall of 1932. Also ascertain who Lockery is, in care of Johnny Frank's Wrecking Place at Houston, and what he knows about Paula Harmon or who the person MILLER is at Beaumont, Texas, who he called on February 1, 1933. Check call to Lee Harrison at Houston - phone Wayside-3864; and call to Preston-8911; and call to Galveston, Texas - No. 9364.

DALLAS OFFICE will ascertain who the person was calling from 6855, Beaumont, Texas, on May 25, 1933, phone No. 14-11-35. Will endeavor to contact Stonewell J. Smith at Farmersville, Texas.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 24, 1934, in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, St. Paul File No. 62-888, which also refers to the BREMER kidnaping case, in which the Division requests that handwriting specimens, other than signatures, of all suspects in this case be forwarded to the Division for examination.

Please be advised that examination of the file in the case of VERNON C. MILLER, deceased, et al, failed to produce any handwriting specimens other than a signature of ALVIN KARPIS as A. CARTER, which it is presumed the Division does not desire.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

FILE NO. 974522

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-28-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-23-34	REPORT MADE BY: Eliss Morton MCR
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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases;  
ARTHUR BARKER with aliases;  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

CHARACTER OF CASE:  
KIDNAPING.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indiana Automobile Registration Bureau records show addresses for Walter Johnson at Austin, Texas, and Evansville and Indianapolis, Ind. Hoosier Motor Club, Indianapolis, through which he obtained license plates, has recent address for him at LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Ill. His letter heads show "Walter Grady Johnson Manufacturing Co." 2069 12th St., Detroit, Michigan.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Kansas City Office 2-19-34.

**DETAILS:**

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Records of the State Automobile Registration Bureau show that one Walter Johnson made application 12-9-33 for Indiana 1934 License plates for 1929 Packard Sedan, motor 1761096, serial 175716, which application was sworn to before Mary Qualters, Notary Public, and on which he was issued plates 82-244. His address was given as Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**DETAILS:**

The records further show an application made by him April 4, 1931 for an Indiana Certificate of Title, at which time he gave his address as 317 Vine St., Evansville, Indiana. The car covered by the title was Packard Sedan, Motor 176109-C, serial 175716, purchased by him 4-4-31 from the Packard Evansville Motor Company, Vine near Fourth St., Evansville, Indiana and mentions his former address as Elks Club, Austin, Texas. Title A-1534104 was issued him on this car. He paid cash for the car.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-893	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 2 - 1934
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At the State Automobile Registration Bureau there also was found an application for driver's license, made out by Walter Johnson, Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana sworn to before Mary Qualters, Notary Public, December 9, 1933 on which he was issued 1934 Indiana driver's license 75335. In his application the following brief description is given of him: Born 9-16-1890 white, male, 5' 11 1/2", 310 lbs., brown hair, brown eyes. Agent made a tracing of his signature from the application and the same is retained in the Cincinnati Office file in this case. 97623

At the Antlers Hotel, Auditor Bigelow found no registration of a Walter Johnson and did not remember him.

Agent found that Mary Qualters is a clerk at the Hoosier Motor Club, 1840 N. Meridian St. On calling at this place, Miss Qualters could not remember what Johnson looked like, but stated the Club had correspondence with him and she referred agent to Noble Sutton, Manager of the Club.

Mr. Sutton produced his file, showing Johnson had obtained membership in the Club, and the club had assisted him in obtaining license plates, etc. Mr. Sutton could not remember the features of Johnson. He states Johnson has lost some of his papers and he had addressed a letter to Johnson as recently as February 22, 1934 at the LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Ill. His file shows Johnson was at the Ambassador Hotel, Tulsa, Okla., 12-20-33. Johnson has sent the Club checks from eastern cities, but Mr. Sutton did not know just where the checks came from. He did not know anything about Johnson personally, but pointed out that Johnson signed his letters as Walter G. Johnson, and sometimes as W. G. Johnson. In searching his file, he finally found a letter head reading as follows: "JOHNSON'S SUPER HEATER", manufactured by Walter Grady Johnson Manufacturing Company, General office, 2069-12th St., Detroit, Michigan.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

DETROIT OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE DETROIT OFFICE, copy of reference letter is forwarded herewith. Make such inquiries as may be necessary to determine whether Johnson could have any connection with instant matter.

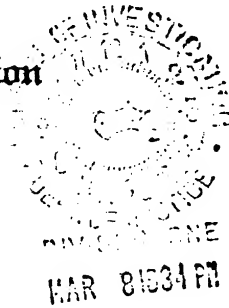
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 28, 1934.



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the St. Paul Office to this office under date of February 25, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

As requested by the St. Paul Office, I am transmitting herewith to the Division the physical characteristic sheets properly executed together with a photographs of the following named individuals:

Thomas Carroll, with aliases, St. Louis Register No. 22166  
Dorothy Tralle, St. Louis register No. 22180  
Viola Deal Carroll, St. Louis register No. 34029  
John Arthur Winters, St. Louis register No. 34026  
Joe Howard, with aliases, St. Louis register No. 24087  
Ernest Mickie, St. Louis register No. 24088.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the St. Paul Office of the Division, together with a set of photographs of the above named individuals.

There is also being enclosed for both the Division and the St. Paul Office a number of copies of circulars issued by the United States Post Office Department for Thomas Carroll.

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Very truly yours,

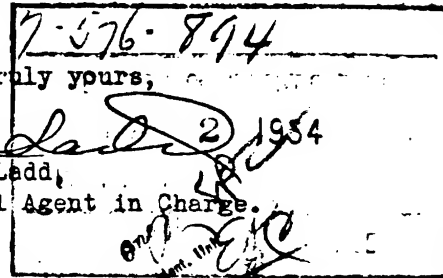
D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DML:A  
cc St. Paul

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Antonio Tex Feb 27 1934

M H Purvis  
Division of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
1900 Bankers Bldg  
Chicago Ill

Brekid Paula Harmon alleged have been arrested as Mrs C P Harmon Rock Island Ill Police their number thirteen naught three February twenty six twenty six together with Leota Graham Charles and Jim Harmon Suggest if possible obtain her prints and photo there also identify Leota Graham with whom she may still be in contact

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S.Department of Justice,  
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

Please refer to Division letter dated February 12, 1934,  
and reply of this office dated February 20, 1934, regarding the re-  
sults of interview with one, ALCORN, who desired to furnish certain  
information to the Division under certain conditions.

In the letter of this office, dated February 20, 1934,  
the possibility is mentioned that DAVE BERMAN alias "DAVE THE JEW",  
whose fingerprint classification is:

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might be the individual in whom ALCORN was interested. To further  
assist the Division in locating the above party in a New York Peni-  
tentiary there is attached hereto a circular issued by the Post Of-  
fice Department in their case #79571D.

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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PLEASE POST.

**Post Office Department**  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Case No. 79571-

OCTOBER 20, 1925

# REWARD - \$8,000.00

## Wanted for Hold-up and Post Office Burglary

DAVE BERMAN, alias Dave the Jew; WILLIAM KANNER, alias Dutch Kanner, alias Jack C. Hooper, alias Dutch Hooper; CHARLES P. CLOUSE, alias Curly Clouse, alias Paul G. Hanford, alias

These men are wanted for the hold-up of the Assistant Postmaster and the fireman-laborer, with deadly weapons, and the robbery of the Post Office at Superior, Wisconsin, on the night of November 20, 1925. An indictment has been returned and is pending against these men in the Western District of Wisconsin.



DAVE BERMAN, alias Dave the Jew. Description: Age, 22; height, 5 feet 8 $\frac{1}{8}$  inches; weight, 177 pounds; complexion, medium dark. Black hair, light brown eyes. Born in Russia.

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WILLIAM KANNER, alias Dutch Kanner, alias Jack C. Hooper, alias Dutch Hooper. Description: Age, 27; height, 5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches; weight, 170 pounds; complexion, ~~medium~~ Black hair, brown eyes. Good dresser. Born in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

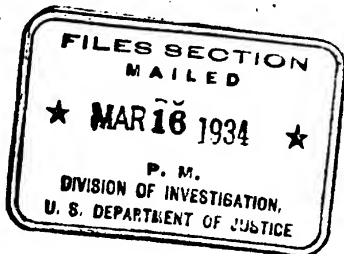
Reference is made to Inspector Rorer's letter to the Division, dated February 27, 1934, in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim - KIDNAPING. There is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of one Dave Berman, whose fingerprint classification is similar to that described in Inspector Rorer's letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #698513.

CC: Mr. Rorer,  
St. Paul, Minn.





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Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation  
Suite 2, Federal Building  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Park Findley, Chief, Bureau of Investigation, Iowa State  
Department of Justice, Des Moines, turned over to me a second letter  
received by him from the party signing the letter as "Little Joe".  
As stated in a confidential letter to you today in which I gave the  
reason, I do not place a great deal of faith in the information con-  
tained in these letters; however, for your information only, I am  
quoting this second letter:

Mr. Findley. The Federals think these tips are false but  
they are not. They want to get the credit first. The nine  
miles I meant was Hwy 169 it is almost 25 miles southeast  
of Creston a town Mount Ayer (Mt. Ayer) north east of there  
six or eight miles. This M was here last summer and got to  
running around with a fellow by the name of Moore, Harold or  
Dick or Kid Moore This Moore was a hail insurance salesman  
out of Creston and he located the farm for them This Moore  
boasted to some fellows the other night when he was tight  
how he and Cannie Shields wrote a banker and demanded money  
at Mount Ayre and to deputies arrested him and had to State  
Agents from Des Moines come and he out smarted them he said  
the dumb deputies arrested him and searched him every day  
he said I am smart and can get away with some real money He  
said he was working for the CWA for a blind fellow this Moore  
and you will find part of the gangs hide out. You can locate  
Moore threw the CWA and follow He hangs out Argonne Restaurant  
18th and Grand my pal and I want this gang got they doubled  
crossed us The leader is James Padden lives at Burham, Ill.  
He is mayor of that town he controls a gang in that district  
and he has some sporting houses and gambling houses in Calumet  
City on 101 Plumber at This gang has a saloon a fellow by  
name Murphy is one of them that are protected by the law  
locally threw Padden Mr. Findley. This is no anonymous letter  
some will say a crank but you do as I say and you will get  
some where Mr. Findley the Pretty Boy has left town  
the law was to hot here now since this kidnapping but they  
really intended to kidnap Mr. Darling and Mr. Carl Weeks but  
they give it up for awhile and went to Oklahoma in his hide  
out their I got it straight they left yesterday morning  
Mr. Findley I will not both you with these letters

Des Moines, Iowa.  
February 15, 1934.

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Re Unknown Subjects  
Edward G. Bremer - victim  
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KANSAS CITY, MO.  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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I get the facts. Little Joe"

In connection with letter of the Chicago Office to the St. Paul Office under date of February 10, 1934, and the attached memorandum of Agent E. S. Reed, I am informed that photographs of Doc Eaton, Ribbley, and LaRue have been secured by Agent Noonan, however, if additional photographs are desired, I will secure same.

In regards to whether Ribbley and Doc Eaton are wanted in Ottumwa, Ia. for the killing of a bootleggers daughter, they are not wanted. I have all the details regarding same if of any value. In a previous letter I gave you all the discreet information I could secure regarding Vernon W. Lynch. The cover is still being maintained on his phone, but no information of value has been received.

In the absence of any definite information as to the perpetrators of the Bremer kidnapping, I desire to call attention to a number of likely suspects who are either residing now in Des Moines or have close connections here.

DERBY BERLOVICH now resides at 1406 Harrison Street, Des Moines, and with John Waters, alias Go-About-Ribbley operates the Sportsman's Club at 565 - 7th Street. Berlovich is known as one of the smartest crooks in the middle west. He is a well known bondsmen and has connections everywhere. It is authoritatively reported that Harvey Bailey, Jack Klutas, Gus Winkler and others made their headquarters at his home following the \$2,000,000 Lincoln National Bank, Lincoln, Nebr. holdup. Berlovich was later arrested for disposing of \$18,000 worth of these bonds which he claims to have received from Eddie LaRue. A few years ago Berlovich built himself a very expensive home, and within the last year he has been hard hit and as a consequence the mortgages on his home have been foreclosed. He is bitter against local authorities for "persecution" of him on the bond deal, and feels that they were the ones who caused him to lose his home. He is in need of money, and would be the "brains" in such a matter as this kidnapping.

JOHN WATERS, alias GO-ABOUT-RIBBLEY resides at 3106 - 49th St. and is a partner together with one Mose Cohen and Derby Berlovich in the Sportsman's Club. Waters has been in the racket for years and with Berlovich furnished the brains. In 1930 Waters was the go-between for the kidnappers when Jimmy Sheridan, a local gambler was taken, and later in the kidnapping of Al Kitty, another gambler, he played a part. Neither of these gamblers would aid police, although enemies of Berlovich and Water, but every officer who worked on the case is satisfied that Berlovich, Waters, Klutas, and Eddie LaRue engineered the deals. It might be stated here that in each one of these cases conversation between the kidnappers and the victims was by wisper. Waters has a gruff whiskey voice. The local Police have called my attention to the fact within the last month Waters has been making himself very conspicuous, so much so that the officers have wondered what he is

was up to. Waters sister maintains an 87 acre farm about 35 miles from Des Moines. It is not used for farm purposes, it is well fenced and no trespassing is permitted, and Agent has received information from several sources that this is the hide-out for any visiting gangsters who are "hot". It is a very lively place for a hide-away in a kidnapping and is believed to have been the place where the two gamblers, Sheridan and Kitty, were held.

EDDIE LARUE, alias Eddie Bell recently arrested in Florida is a close friend of Dewey Berlovich, and according to the latter's statement, he secured approximately \$18,000 in stolen bonds from Larue after the Lincoln National Bank robbery in 1930.

CLARENCE "DOC" RATCH is now operating a night club at Burlington, Wis. where he is using the name of Hubbard. He is believed by local police to have been involved in the kidnapping of the two local gamblers, Jimmy Sheridan and Al Kitty. He used to frequent Des Moines often.

CURLY CLOU SE is alleged to be another frequenter of Des Moines and is said to contact Berlovich and Go-About Nielley when in town. When in Des Moines he is said to stay with a Dorothy Wise, alias Dorothy Wise, alias Montana Dot who hustles from the Koo Apartments, operated by a man named Johnson who is unreliable. She is said to live at 914 Walnut St., Apartment 3A7. a further line up on this woman can be secured from the Narcotic Office.

PETE RAND local big dealer in the liquor business is reported to be paying up a lot of old bills that he has owed for several months. While it is not believed that Rand would actually participate in the kidnapping, he would do the "head work" for same.

SHIMMY WEIMAN an associate of Pete Rand is reported to have been out of town for about three weeks around February 1st. He went away broke and returned pretty well supplied with money. He claims to have been visiting Rick Lindsey, at South Omaha, Nebr. Lindsey is reported to be a stool for Detective Anderson of the Omaha Police Department. Weiman has been seen in company with two strangers, one goes by the name of Marsh, age about 45, height 5-9, dark, tough looking. The other is age about 36, 6ft., weight 160 lbs., dark. Both of these men are alleged to have been former prison mates with Weiman, who is believed to have served at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebr. At the time Weiman was away his business was conducted by one Eddie Condon from Sioux City while Charlie Eaton looked after Pete Rand's business. Big Bill Hildebrandt of St. Paul is a close friend of Weiman's.

NOELMAN PORTER according to U.S. Marshal Fred Hird, Des Moines, should be considered a possible suspect in this kidnapping. He is 27 years old, height 5-9, weight 220 lbs., hair brown. His wife is Marie Porter from Newton, Ia., but he is now running around with a woman named Elsie McHenry, alias Alice Parrish. She was formerly "Tony the Wop's" woman. Tony is serving a 20 year sentence at Anamosa, Ia. This woman has been living on Logan Street. Another companion of Porter's is Gale Johnson, a safe cracker.

I visited Spirit Lake, Ia. which is near the Minnesota border last week and on authority of Mr. Harold Nathan, to ascertain if the siren in that town was blown at the same time as a factory whistle. In connection with this investigation I made inquiries at Garner, Betherville, Milford, Spencer, Emmetsburg, Algona, Dakota City, Fort Dodge, and Valley Junction, near Des Moines, and while nearly all these towns use a siren at morning, noon and evening, none had the combination of a factory whistle and siren together. It is reasonable to believe that due to the activity of the Federal Government on kidnapping matters that Bremer was not taken out of the State of Minnesota. For this reason I call attention to the town of Eveleth, Minn. which I believe has this combination of siren and whistle, the latter coming from the nearby mines.

I am setting forth the above information as of possible value in this case, knowing that in such kidnappings several men are used. The St. Paul Office may possibly have information, coupled with the above, will aid materially in identifying the subjects wanted.

Very truly yours,

CC- St. Paul  
Division

O. C. Dewey,  
Special Agent.



Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases.  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
Kidnaping. St. Paul file 7-30

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to report of Charles Jenkins, dated February 21, 1934, in the above case. This report, on page 2, indicates that the Rockford Mitten and Hosiery Mills, during 1933, sold socks to the Chicago Mail Order Company, Chicago, Illinois, and to the Gem Hosiery Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The report does not indicate whether the Rockford Mills sold to any other concerns and from this report it appears probable that other sales were made. Your attention is also invited to the fact that Agent Jenkins only checked the sales for 1933, which is not satisfactory. It is requested that sales for 1932 be also checked. It is of extreme importance that a thorough and complete check concerning these socks be made for 1932 and 1933. We are endeavoring to find the retail store who also handled either the underwear involved in this case or the shirt.

Your attention is also invited to report of W. C. Jamison, February 22, 1934, Chicago, Illinois, to page 3 thereof, wherein is listed the names of the stores purchasing these shirts in the State of Illinois, out of Chicago, but not in Cook County. It is requested that a more thorough examination be made in order to determine whether there are any other dealers in the State of Illinois other than the ones set out in this report who have purchased these shirts.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There is attached hereto a newspaper clipping and a letter received from W.R. Smith, attorney at law, Macon, Georgia, in which the writer states that he believes KARPIS and FRED BARKER were in Macon, Georgia, on February 12, 1934.

It is requested that Mr. Smith be interviewed immediately for whatever additional information he might have.

Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHR, INSPECTOR.

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W.A. ROHR

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-50.

There is enclosed a photograph of MRS. G.P. HARMON, which photograph was taken by the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department, February 25, 1926, their #1503, when she was arrested as an accomplice for breaking and entering a Post Office.

Please display this photograph to persons knowing PAULA HARMON, in your district, and advise this office at the earliest possible date if the enclosed photograph is a likeness of PAULA HARMON, the widow of CHARLES HARMON.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR

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801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 818,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 23, 1934 in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer, VICTIM; KIDNAPING.

The records of the Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois were checked by Mr. Millard of that office at which time he advised that Ford roadster, motor No. A514,721, had not been registered under the name of Edward B. Bell in the State of Illinois for 1934. The indexes covering registration by motor number are not complete at this time, and no record could be obtained by a search for the motor number as given for this car. However, at the request of Special Agent C. B. Morris of this office a stop card was placed against this car in the files of the Secretary of State, and he will immediately notify this office should any attempt be made to register this car in the State of Illinois for 1934.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 1576,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-36.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 23,  
1934, to the St. Paul Office regarding MR. WALLACE BOND, Super-  
intendent of Industrials, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester,  
Oklahoma, copy of which letter, and MR. BOND'S communication to  
the Attorney General were sent to your office.

Please have MR. BOND interviewed for whatever informa-  
tion he may have regarding the whereabouts of VOLNEY DAVIS and  
FRED and ARTHUR BARKER.

Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER, Inspector.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Reference is made to the letter of the Philadelphia Office, dated February 26, 1934, to the Director, copy of which was sent to your office. Regarding Chief of Detectives JACK BOHMER and Detective ROY GARDNER, who are said to have considerable information regarding the activities, relatives, and friends of HERD BARKER and ALVIN KARPIS.

Kindly have MR. BOHMER and MR. GARDNER interviewed for whatever information they can offer in this case.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division  
CC Philadelphia

W.A. ROHRER, INSPECTOR.

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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to your letter of February 7, 1934,  
regarding information received from FRANK MARTIN, sheriff, Daven-  
port, Iowa, regarding one, MRS. MARY KROLL, 2340 East High Street,  
Davenport, Iowa.

Will you kindly advise this office as to the  
investigative activity taken by your office in connection with the  
above referred to letters?

Very truly yours,

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W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-35.

Reference is made to your letter of February 10, 1934,  
regarding MEL GOLDENBERG, who is said to have a residence in the  
South Side of Chicago, Illinois.

Please make the necessary investigation to determine  
if this residence could be the hideout sought in this case.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division

W.A. ROHRER, INSPECTOR.

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
February 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite 1, Federal Bldg,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping

With reference to the above matter,  
please be advised that Special Agent O. C. Dewey, in sending  
copies of photograph of John Waters, alias "Go-About" Riley,  
to the St. Paul and Chicago Offices, indicated that if the  
apprehension of Riley is desired, he believes it can be effected  
in a short time. He operates the Sportsman Club in Des Moines  
with Dewey Barlovich.

Agent Dewey states that he saw "Go-About"  
Riley there about a week ago.

I have communicated this information  
to Inspector Rorer in St. Paul, and he stated that no one has  
identified Riley so far, and that while we do not desire his  
apprehension at the present, it is desired that he be kept under  
observation for a period, in order to determine his associates,  
and habits.

It is therefore requested that you  
arrange to have Special Agent Dewey or some other agent cover  
this matter for a reasonable length of time, advising Inspector  
Rorer of the St. Paul Office of developments.

Very truly yours,

MIF/dr  
CC Division  
St. Paul.

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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
et al - EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of a memorandum of this office regarding Vale/Frost and Medley, and letter to the Kansas City office, concerning the same individuals.

It is requested that the following investigation be conducted by your office:

Frost and Medley, on leaving the Berkshire Hotel at Kansas City on February 17, 1934 left a forwarding address of the New Vickary Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. When registering they gave last addresses as follows:

Medley - 230 W. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.  
Vale - 331 W. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

From the attached communications it can be seen that there is some possibility that Frost and Medley may be involved in this case. It is desired that your office endeavor to locate Medley and Frost, either through the addresses given above, or information contained in the attached memorandum. When they are located, please question them regarding this matter.

On February 15 at the Berkshire Hotel, P.W. Medley sent the following telegrams:

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Mrs. E. H. Medley,  
112 S. 50th St.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Two cases yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or  
Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil.

Mrs. E. H. Medley,  
741 N. 26th St.,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Two cases yesterday. Frost leaving for Chicago Friday or  
Saturday. Deal not so hot. Writing tonight.

Phil.

It is requested that the necessary investigation be made at  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to determine the identity of Mrs. E. H. Medley, for  
whatever possible connection she may have with this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BOREN  
Inspector.

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CC Division  
CC Kansas City

St. Paul file 7-30



Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 29, 1934.

Mr. G. V. Dewey,  
Care Kirkwood Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;  
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim. KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-50

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith one of the film lenses used in the above entitled matter. It is requested that the Western Auto Supply Company of Des Moines be contacted, particularly to determine if six, nine, or twelve of these lenses were sold to any one person in the latter part of January, 1934 and prior to the 5th of February, 1934. Efforts should be made to determine also whether or not employees of the Western Auto Supply Company have any recollection concerning such sale, and to whom these articles were sold, looking toward the possible identification of a member or members of the group in question. It is understood that you have photographs of ALVIN KARPIS, the two BARKER brothers, VOLNEY DAVIS and HARRY CAMPBELL. It is believed that these lenses were purchased at Des Moines, Iowa.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BORN,  
Inspector.

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- MR. TOLSON.....
- MR. CLEGG.....
- MR. COWLEY.....
- MR. EDWARDS.....
- MR. EGAN.....
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- MR. LEE.....
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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
February 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. S. WENNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-30.

I again contacted confidential informant [redacted] in this case [redacted] on February 15th and requested that he endeavor to ascertain the following:

- (1) Through his connection with the victim's family, such fragments of the victim's story as he could obtain from general conversation with them.
- (2) The present location of KARPIS, the two BARKERS, and that gang.
- (3) The present location of the St. Paul underworld headquarters.
- (4) Present location of JACK DAVENPORT.

In conversation with him at this time, he told me that [redacted] had been approached by JACK PFELFFER [redacted] and PFELFFER had stated, [redacted] when the G. men [redacted] question us about Karpis and the two Barkers, what are you going to tell them? [redacted] replied that if the G. men came out, it would be foolish to assume that they did not know something or else they would not have come out there. JACK PFELFFER said, "Are you going to identify them if they show their photographs?" [redacted] said, "I am going to say that I have seen them before but that I don't know who they are." PFELFFER, after some discussion, thought that would be the better course to follow.

The confidential informant advised that the St. Paul and Minneapolis underworld are very much in fear of this Division but are not afraid of the St. Paul Police.

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On February 15th, I again contacted the confidential informant and he informed me that as yet he has not had an opportunity to talk to the victim but when he does, he will notify me and give me all the information he can.

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Regarding KARPIS and the BARKERS and that gang, he stated that he was unable to learn where they were at the present time and doubted that the local underworld knew exactly where they are. He said that two nights ago, JACK PFRIFFER had invited [redacted] to go for a ride. [redacted] thought he was going for a one-way ride and hesitated, and PFRIFFER said he wanted to go over and examine the Brass Hall, a saloon in Minneapolis. On the way over PFRIFFER asked [redacted] whether [redacted] thought KARPIS and BARKER had pulled the BREMER kidnaping, to which [redacted] stated he did not know. PFRIFFER then stated, "What do you think?" [redacted] then stated that he did not know what to think. PFRIFFER then stated that if KARPIS and the two BARKERS had kidnaped BREMER, PFRIFFER would see to it that they were "bumped off" because of the heat that was being put under the local gangs.

[redacted] did not know whether JACK PFRIFFER was leading him out to see how he felt about the case and his reaction or whether PFRIFFER is actually in ignorance as to who perpetrated the BREMER kidnaping.

The confidential informant was not in a position to secure the address of the local gang's headquarters but secured for me the telephone number, which is Geneva 2140.

He also ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT is at the present time confined to his home because of illness. He is said to be sick in bed.

The confidential informant advised me that [redacted] told him that for some time prior to the kidnaping of EDWARD BREMER, a man known as "BIG LOUIS", a Jew from New York, resided at an apartment house about two blocks south of Goodrich on Lexington Avenue. After "BIG LOUIS" had resided in this place for some time, he was joined by a young fellow, 6 feet tall, weighing about 165 or 170 pounds, light complexioned, who, according to [redacted] who saw him once, was extremely nervous. This person stayed there until the night that BREMER was kidnaped and disappeared. [redacted] for some reason or other, indicated to the confidential informant that he was strongly suspicious that this person was implicated in the kidnaping. Because of the reliability of the information secured through this source, may I suggest that an immediate inquiry be made to locate the apartment in which "BIG LOUIS" resides, or did reside, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the young man mentioned above.

From the confidential informant and others whom I have interviewed in the last few days, as well as through verification by telephone numbers secured from a raid on the Hollyhocks Club by the County Attorney's office in Dakota County, it was ascertained that JACK DAVENPORT resides at 4109

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The confidential informant also advised me that yesterday morning, some place near Hinckley, Minnesota, a Game Warden had a gun duel with two or more men at which time the Game Warden shot and nearly killed, or killed, one man in whose possession was found \$15000 in small bills. I immediately attempted to verify this by communicating with the Sheriff of Pine City and he likewise had heard the same rumor but heard that it was the Sheriff at Milaca, Minnesota; and I then called the Sheriff at Milaca and he not being present, I talked to one of his deputies, who assured me there was nothing whatsoever to the rumor and that they had not heard it.

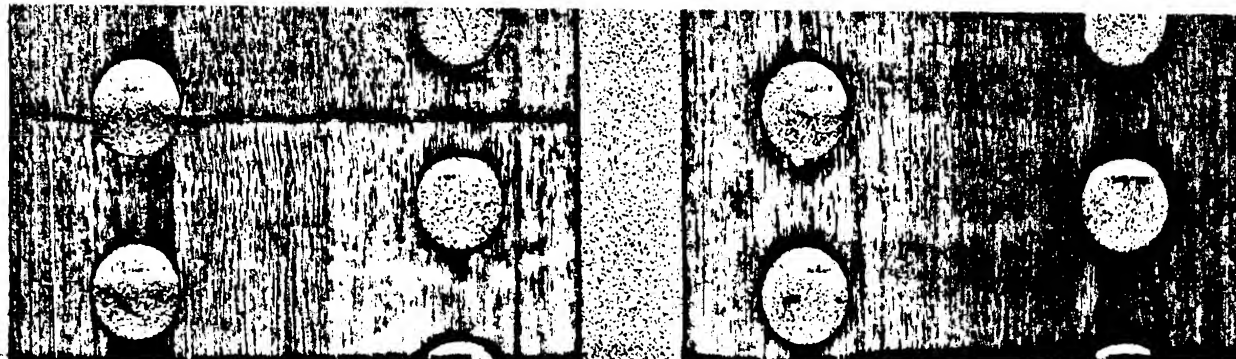
I then called MR. McFARLAND, Deputy Commissioner of Conservation, Minnesota, who is a friend of mine, and he likewise telephoned to various sections of northern Minnesota, advising me that he could not obtain a verification of the rumor but would continue to make inquiries, advising me immediately if it appeared the rumor was of some merit.

I intend to see the confidential informant again tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

O. C. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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MR. Nathan.....  
MR. Tolson.....  
MR. Clegg.....  
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MR. Locke.....  
MR. Rorer.....

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
February 26, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. EGAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
MR. LOCKE	✓
MR. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer telephoned Sunday afternoon and advised that the telephone tap on the telephone lines of Attorney Lynch at Des Moines, Iowa had been unproductive of any valuable information in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Mr. Rorer recommends that this telephone tap be discontinued in view of its cost and lack of profitable information. There is some information that this attorney will leave Des Moines soon for another town and I inquired of Mr. Rorer as to the advisability of having him shadowed to the place where he is going and Mr. Rorer thought this might be well. Accordingly, he was told to make any arrangements which he believes necessary, with the Kansas City office, relative to the shadowing of this attorney.

As stated, Mr. Rorer recommends that the telephone tap be discontinued and if this is agreeable, the attached telegram should be transmitted to the Kansas City office.

Mr. Rorer stated that they had received information concerning a place located 38 miles below Rochester, Minnesota where it is now believed that the kidnap car was refueled with gasoline, on the occasion when Mr. Bremer states they put him out of the car for a time, shortly before their arrival in Rochester. An Agent has been sent there to check the details of this information and he further stated that the Chicago office was conducting an investigation in a little town in Illinois where, according to a Minister, it appeared that the bell siren and whistle arrangement may have been heard by the victim.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic instructions received from Mr. Clegg of the Division to contact Mr. Alexander Jamie at the Willard Hotel to secure information concerning the Woolverton kidnaping case at South Bend, Indiana and the First State Bank robbery at Holland, Michigan.

Special Agent L. Levin interviewed Mr. Jamie at the Willard Hotel and ascertained that Mr. Jamie does not have with him at Washington any of his files. He stated that he had received a letter from his son to the effect that Agent John Madala had obtained from his son the Woolverton kidnaping file. Mr. Jamie also told Agent Levin that it would not be necessary for him to wire any authorization to his son to furnish the Chicago Division Office with other information inasmuch as his son already has blanket authorization.

In connection with the robbery at the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, Mr. Jamie commented that Lieutenant Hutson of the Michigan State Police at Lansing, Michigan has spent considerable time investigating this case and is very well informed with reference thereto.

This letter is in confirmation of telephonic report made to Mr. Clegg by Special Agent C. G. Schenken.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, February 27, 1934.

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WERNER HANNI,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING,  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BREKID NO RECORD REGISTRATION FOR NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR OF FORD ROADSTER YOUR  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

LEWISTON, IDAHO

February 12, 1934.

Mr. Harold Nathan, *MAR 3 1934*  
First Asst. Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

As one of the many million citizens  
of this "Land of the Free" I desire to  
enter my protest of the publicity given  
by the AP. in the daily papers, of the each  
and every detail clues known to your De-  
partment in these gang-trails. *7-576-913*  
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The enclosed two clippings published  
to the world advising the PATS that Mr.  
Bremer remembers the wallpaper on the  
room where he was held, thus giving them  
the opportunity to have the room re-papered,  
and that Bremer can identify two of them  
thus putting his life in jeopardy again, as  
they might desperately try to seal his lips.

The second clipping gives notice to the  
PATS, that you have knowledge of the alleged  
movements in abandoning a house etc. etc.

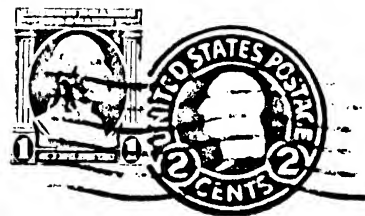
I consider it an insult to you and your  
faithful workers to advise these matters to  
the world. You have the sincere respect  
of the entire country for the work you are  
doing, and nearly everyone condemns the press  
for publishing your every move.

I feel better, now that I have blown off,  
but I do think that the present uncalled  
for playing into the hands of the gangs,  
should be stopped by the press.

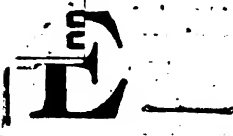
Yours Very truly,

*409/26/34 JHC*  
*Howard Howe.*

After 10 days, return to  
J. HOWARD HOWE,  
603—8th Avenue,  
LEWISTON, IDAHO.



Mr. Harold Nathan. First Asst.  
Department of Justice,  
Washington,  
D.C.,



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## HAVE FEW CLUES IN BREMER CASE

But Federal, State and City  
Officers Working Hard  
To Find Trail

### RETELLS EXPERIENCES

Will Be Able to Identify the Two Who  
First Captured and Beat Him;  
Alcorn Gets Life.

St. Paul, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Three weeks of pain and hunger, punctuated by threats of being chained to the bed in a darkened room by his kidnapers, left Edward F. Bremer still in a state of semi-collapse today.

Pinched by the memory of vicious blows rained upon his head with pistol butts, the 37-year-old banker interrupted the recital of his experiences today by sobbing once, and almost swooning.

Simultaneously, federal, state and city peace officers were working feverishly to track down the band that Bremer believes numbered 10 or 12, which collected \$200,000 ransom before his release Wednesday night at Rochester, Minn.

#### Have Few Clues.

The clues they had to work on:

Bremer's ability to identify two of the gang; the two who beat him 15 or 20 times about the head and face until blood blinded his eyes when they stopped his automobile Jan. 17.

His memory of the wallpaper design on the room in which he was held prisoner 22 days.

Meager details of the ransom payment trip made through Faribault, Minn., on a lonely road Tuesday night by Walter Magee, wealthy contractor friend and intermediary, and the strange car the gang placed at his disposal for the trip.

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## TRAIL IS WARMER

Federal Agents Find New Clue  
As To Bremer Kidnapers

### DEVELOPMENTS WITHHELD

Vernon Avenue Gang In St. Paul Now  
Suspected; Dillinger Gang Is  
Removed to Ohio.

St. Paul, Feb. 10. (AP)—The possibility that the same gang engineered both the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings which netted \$300,000 was investigated tonight by police.

Automobile registrations supplied a possible link between the two crimes. It was learned, with the disclosure that an unidentified man and woman had fled from an apartment here the day after Edward G. Bremer's abduction Jan. 17.

A few days before William Hamm, Jr., millionaire brewer, was seized for \$100,000 ransom last June 15, a suspected gang abandoned a house on Vernon avenue, a good residential district here. Their automobile was disposed of through a second hand car dealer.

#### Bought Small Coupe.

About the same time a new small coupe was purchased from an agency and registered in the name of the used car dealer, since gone out of business. Authorities intimated they had evidence indicating the new car was purchased by the Vernon avenue mob.

It was this same coupe that the unidentified man and woman owned and presumably used to flee from the apartment house a day after Bremer was kidnaped and several hours before his abduction was made public.

Federals in Charge.

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Mr. J. Howard Howe,  
603 6th Avenue,  
Lewiston, Idaho.

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Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 12, 1934, wherein you refer to certain publicity in connection with the case involving the kidnapping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer.

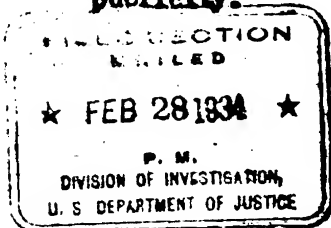
The publicity to which you specifically refer and to which you offer your objection relates especially to the indication that wall paper in the room where Mr. Bremer was held had been identified and also to the further allegation that knowledge was had as to the movements of certain individual in abandoning a house.

This is to advise you that I am in full agreement with you that through publicity methods the kidnapers should not be informed as to the developments of an investigation. I desire, however, to assure you that such information did not emanate from any employee of this Division. It is not the policy of this Division or its Special Agents to disclose to the press information concerning any case under investigation. You may be assured that I am in full agreement with you concerning such publicity.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

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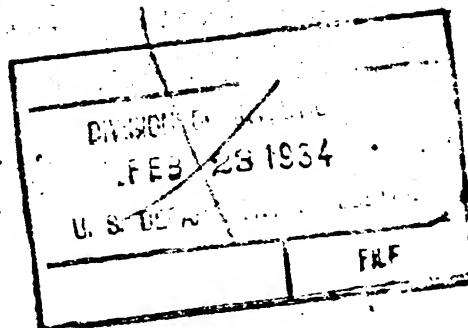
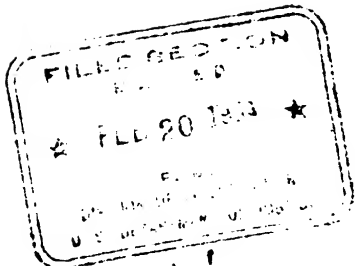
In regard to the attached letter addressed to Mr. Nathan by Mr. J. Howard Hove, of Lewiston, Idaho, I thoroughly agree with the contents of Mr. Hove's communication, and I think he may be advised to that effect. This is the second letter which has been received; the first, I believe, was an editorial from some Western newspaper, criticizing the giving out to the press of the two items referred to in the attached letter.

I want immediate steps to be taken to ascertain, if possible, how this information got out, for it must have emanated from some source in either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl.



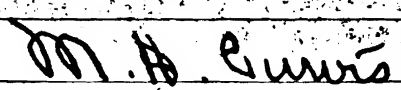
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 7-82-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2/28/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/23, 24, 26/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>ARTHUR MOLAWHON TMH</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases; et al — UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER — VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>Winnie Williams, former wife of Bernard Philips, questioned with negative results. Inquiries made at 1441 West Adams and 3010 Addison Street, Chicago, Illinois, former residences of John and Anne Karpis, alias Karpavicz, parents of ALVIN KARPIS. Inquiry made at 1108 and 1141 North Francisco St., former residences of KARPIS' sister, Mrs. P. H. Newbold; no information secured. Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, sisters-in-law of Bernard Philips, living at 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago and receive letters twice weekly from party in Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, dated February 20, 1934.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Chicago, Illinois</u></p> <p>The reference report was scrutinized for possible leads in the Chicago District and this report will deal with a portion of the investigation which was suggested in Agent Trainor's report.</p> <p>Investigation disclosed that Winnie Williams, alias Mary Crawford, former wife of Bernard Philips, formerly resided at 1115 East 62nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <div style="text-align: center;">               SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE           </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">             DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576-914</b>              UNITED STATES  <b>MAR 2 1934 A M</b>              BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION              ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE           </div>	
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Agent called at the Jackson Park Post Office Station, 6115 Langley Avenue, at which place the carrier covering the address, 1115 East 62nd Street, was unable to identify any of the following photographs: Mrs. Katherine Barker, Arthur Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, Bernard Phillips and Mrs. Mary Phillips. The carrier informed he had observed no one, answering the descriptions of these parties, frequenting the vicinity of 1115 East 62nd Street.

It was understood that a Mrs. McQuade is the landlady at 1115 East 62nd Street, and that she bears a good reputation. Inquiry of her disclosed she remembered Winnie Williams having a room at her house from September 27, 1933 until October 4, 1933. During Miss Williams' stay there, she informed Mrs. McQuade she had had some trouble with her husband and was planning to leave him but when she took her departure she told Mrs. McQuade she had decided to go back to her husband. Mrs. McQuade advised that a man called for Winnie Williams when she left her place. Mrs. McQuade was unable to identify any of the above named photographs, as those of persons who had frequented her home and vicinity.

It is noted that Winnie Williams formerly lived at 8400 Paxton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with a family by the name of Ross.

Agent interviewed both Mr. and Mrs. Ross concerning Winnie Williams and was informed that sometime during the summer of 1933, Miss Williams was introduced to them by one Gus Hackenyos. The Rosses informed Agent that Winnie Williams remained there during July or August and during that time, none of the persons represented by the photographs above noted called on Miss Williams, or were seen in the vicinity.

Agent observed the premises at 1441 West Adams Street, which was listed as one of the previous addresses of John and Anna Karpis and it was observed this is a disreputable rooming house, frequented by extremely undesirable characters, and in the best judgment of this Agent it would have been, not only fruitless but unwise to make any inquiries concerning the Subject, or his father and mother at this place. It is noted, however, it had already been ascertained that the mother and father of KARPIS are now living at 2842 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the name of Karpavicz.

At the Humboldt Park Post Office Station, Agent displayed the photographs aforementioned to carriers who deliver at 1108 and 1141 North Francisco, but they were unable to identify these photographs as being those of any people they had seen either around these premises or on their routes.

Agent was informed that at 1141 North Francisco, families by the names of Sidel, Gaep, Vilatzer and Hazel, received mail there.

On the premises at 1108 North Francisco is a dwelling house and the carrier stated no mail has been delivered there for sometime. He did not know the names of the occupants of these premises.

Agent called at the premises, 1141 and 1108 North Francisco, observed to be the former addresses of Mrs. P. H. Newbold, sister of KARPIS, and ascertained from the mail boxes at the first address, that the names appearing thereon were identical with those given by the carrier, and it was noted there was no name on the mail box at 1108 North Francisco.

At the North Center Post Office Station, 3855 Lincoln Avenue, Agent interviewed the carrier, who delivers mail to 3010 Addison St., and displayed to him the aforementioned photographs. He was unable to identify any of them. It is noted that 3010 Addison Street is the former residence of KARPIS' father and mother. He stated that the entrance to 3010 Addison Street is a large apartment building, but that only three flats are occupied at the present time by families whose names are Badi, Johnson and the janitor of the building, whose name he did not recall.

At the Wicker Park Post Office Station, 1221 North Paulina Street, Agent ascertained that the address of Mrs. H. Venute (correct spelling, not Venute) had been changed from 1831 West Grand Avenue to 1835 West Grand Avenue.

Agent interviewed the carrier on this route and displayed to him the photographs in question, none of which he could identify.

At the North Town Post Office, 2626 Devon Avenue, Agent made inquiry of the carrier concerning Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, of 6144 North Washatenaw. He was informed by the carrier that these two ladies received mail at this address and that for some previous investigation, the nature of which he did not know, he had been instructed to keep an eye out on their mail for sometime for a letter from Florida. He stated that about the only unusual thing in their mail that he had observed was that about twice a week they received letters from some one in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill. He was unable to state who this was who was communicating with them from that place. Inasmuch as this carrier was interviewed at his home Saturday afternoon, February 24, and the Post Office had already closed, Agent was not able to make further inquiries of the Superintendent of this Post Office concerning the return address of these letters.

Agent observed the premises at 6144 North Washatenaw Ave. and noted them to be a very fine three-family apartment building in a very nice neighborhood of Chicago. The name, Mrs. Allen, appears on the mail box for the flat on the third floor of this building.

Mrs. Winnie Williams, the former wife of Bernard Philips, was interviewed at the Chicago Division Office on February 26, 1934, by Special Agent K. R. McIntire. She advised she is living at 7050 Merrill Avenue, Apartment 607, telephone Dorchester 4097. She stated if she cannot be located at that place, she may be reached through Mrs. Frank Ross, 8400 Paxton, Chicago, Illinois. In view of the fact it is known Bernard Philips was closely associated with ALVIN KARPIS and the BARKER BROTHERS, Miss Williams was questioned along this line with the hope of securing some information with regard to the habits and the places which are known to be frequented by these parties. She disclaimed any knowledge with regard to KARPIS, the BARKER BROTHERS, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Mrs. Katherine Barker. She stated that in December of 1932, while living in Kansas City with Bernard Philips, the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke with KARPIS, but did not introduce her to Karpis. She stated she never did hear his name but recognized the picture of Karpis. She declared she had seen him at no other place and that her husband did not disclose his hangouts. She stated she has definitely ascertained that Bernard Philips is now dead; that sometime about October, 1932, she and Philips were living at an unnamed address in New York; that he left her, for reasons not stated, and never returned. She advised that she returned to Chicago and at a subsequent date, she learned from an underworld character, that Bernard Philips had been killed and that his unidentified body had been picked up in a sewer or a river in the vicinity of the Bronx, New York. She declined at all times to disclose the source of her information. She admitted Philips associated with Keating and Holden and other criminals, who are now confined in various penitentiaries, but she disclaimed any knowledge as to the places through which any well known criminals could be located.

Miss Williams advised that she and Bernard Philips and Francis Keating and his wife, lived together in an unnamed apartment in Saint Paul and during this stay, she heard Keating and Holden speak of PAULA HARMON, though she heard nothing more with regard to Paula. She declared she has never seen Paula Harmon and does not know any of Paula's connections.

Miss Williams denied knowing that Bernard Philips had at any time lived with KARPIS and the BARKER BROTHERS in Saint Paul. She stated Bernard Philips has a brother, Lee Philips, now serving time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, who is reported to be the husband of Mrs. Margaret Lee, living at 6144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is apparent this is the party from whom Mrs. Lee is receiving letters twice weekly from said penitentiary. Miss Williams believed that Mrs. Allen, who lives with Mrs. Margaret Lee, is the sister of the latter. Miss Williams also informed that her mother (not her sister) Mrs. Jessie Wertz, is living in Wilton, Connecticut.

Miss Williams was questioned at length with regard to well known criminals and prominent crimes committed in the Middle West during the past few years, in the hope of securing information with regard to the suspects in the Bremer Case, but without results.

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Copies of this report are being furnished the Kansas City Division Office at this time for their information only.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: It is observed that no telephone is listed for R. Venute, but this office will ascertain, through the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, whether the Venute people have a telephone and will then check all toll calls and telegraph messages made to and emanating from the Venute residence at 1835 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Will also consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Venute, the sister of Alvin Karpis.

At 7144 North Washatenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois - will consider the advisability of interviewing Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen, sisters-in-law of Bernard Philips.

At Joliet, Illinois, at the State Penitentiary, will interview Lee Philips for information as to the associates of Karpis and the Barker Brothers and the places where they might be located. Will also ascertain the duration of Lee Philips' sentence.

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March 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, New York.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL,  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 3, 1934, addressed to the Chicago Office in the above entitled case, a copy of which letter was furnished your office, wherein it is noted that Winnie Williams, former passenger of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196, during August, 1932, registered at the Balvidere Hotel in New York City with Bernard Phillips as Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Patton.

There have been persistent rumors to the effect that Phillips is now dead. Winnie Williams has recently been reinterviewed by the Chicago Office and the results of that interview are set forth in the report of Special Agent Arthur McLashon, dated at Chicago, Illinois, February 28, 1934, a copy of which report is transmitted herewith for your information.

It is noted on page four of this report that Miss Williams is said to have stated that in December of 1932, while living in Kansas City with Bernard Phillips, the latter stopped on the street one day and spoke with Karpis, but did not introduce her to Karpis. She also stated that she never heard his name but recognized the picture of Karpis. This information seems to be inconsistent with the following quoted portion from the report:

"She stated she has definitely ascertained that Bernard Phillips is now dead; that some time about October, 1932, she and Phillips were living at an unnamed address in New York; that he left her, for reasons not stated, and never returned. She advised that she returned to Chicago at a subsequent date she learned from an underworld character that Bernard Phillips had been killed and that his unidentified body had been picked up in a sewer or

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In view of the persistent rumors to the effect that Phillips is now dead, and considering information set forth in Division letter dated March 3, 1934, and the report transmitted herewith, you are instructed to give immediate consideration to this angle with a view to establishing its authenticity. It is suggested that the Homicide Squad of the New York City Police Department be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether an unidentified body was recovered during the Fall of 1932 under the circumstances related above. The Division desires that this rumor be thoroughly investigated. Incidentally, you will recall that the Division received persistent rumors that Vernon C. Miller was believed to be dead prior to his appearance in Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #682416

cc - St. Paul (Mr. Rorer)  
Chicago

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 28, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Mr. Clegg transferred Inspector Rorer to me on the telephone yesterday and at Mr. Rorer's request I talked to Agent Notesteen. He asked for a description of the cap which was found in connection with the release of Edward G. Bremer and this was furnished him orally. Similar information is set forth in laboratory report dated February 26, 1934. Mr. Notesteen indicated that they believed they had located a retailer on the south side who had sold the cap in question.

I advised him the Washington Field office was at present conducting an investigation with a view to determining the headquarters of the cap makers union and would set out leads for the tracing of the cap through that source. He stated he believed this investigation should continue and that were the cap definitely established in St. Paul, telegraphic advice to discontinue the investigation would be sent out.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.,  
St. Louis, Missouri,  
February 26, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, dated at St. Louis, Missouri February 9, 1934, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim; KIDNAPING.

In connection with this matter, I am enclosing herewith a letter and envelope in celluloid cover, which was turned over to this office by the Post Office Inspector at St. Louis, Missouri on February 23, 1934. This letter was received in response to the advertisement which was run in the St. Louis papers as referred to in the above mentioned report. It is noted that this letter was mailed to the Hotel Statler subsequent to the release of victim Bremer. Although the Hotel Manager had advised Special Agent H. G. Maynor that they would notify this office of any communications received subsequent to the withdrawal of the "plant" at this hotel, they failed to report the receipt of this letter, and on the contrary, on February 20, 1934 they forwarded same to the St. Louis branch of the dead letter office, at which place it was opened, and whereupon learning the contents of same, it was forwarded to the Post Office Inspector at St. Louis, Missouri, thereafter being turned over to this office.

This letter was freely handled by the clerks of the dead letter office, as well as by the Post Office Inspectors, prior to delivery to this Division, and so same will undoubtedly bear numerous latent fingerprints. It is however being forwarded to the Division for examination in the laboratory.

Upon receipt of this letter, an examination was made at the point of contact as furnished in this letter. However, at this time, there was no indication of any note having been fastened to a telephone pole in the alley as stated.

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Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
D. M. Ladd,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

Dear Sir:

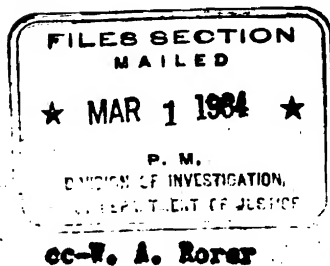
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated Chicago, Illinois, November 23, 1933, in the case entitled George Larson, with aliases, et al., White Slave Traffic Act, wherein on page six, it is noted that subject Larson from 1925 to 1933 claims to have been engaged in distributing slot machines in Wisconsin and Michigan to road-houses and saloons. The Division file does not reflect that subject Larson is presently being held.

It is suggested that subject Larson be interviewed relative to the above entitled case, and obtain whatever information he may be willing to disclose. It is also suggested that the victim in this case be interviewed, and that photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang, and its associates, be exhibited to them for possible identification.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Locke	.....
Mr. Rorer	.....

February 27, 1934.

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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

There is attached hereto one copy of the transcript  
of telephone messages secured as the result of a tap on the tele-  
phone of VERNON LYNCH of Des Moines, Iowa, one copy of which is  
being kept in this office and the original is being returned to  
Special Agent O.C. Dewey at [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

*W.A. Rorer*  
W.A. RORER, INSPECTOR.

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February 24, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
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MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

The following Special Agents have been selected for duty at St. Paul on the Bremer case under the direct supervision of Mr. Rorer:

Brennan, J. E. - St. Louis  
Brown, R. D. - Cincinnati  
Coulter, R. C. - St. Paul  
Donaldson, R. B. - Detroit  
Fortenberry, S. L. - St. Paul  
Gross, G. J. - St. Louis  
Hall, O. G. - St. Paul  
Marshall, M. E. - St. Paul  
Melvin, T. G. - New York

Nalls, R. L. - St. Paul  
Nicholson, D. L. - Detroit  
Moonan, R. T. - St. Paul  
Notesteen, E. N. - St. Paul  
Peterson, V. W. - Chicago  
Reinecke, H. H. - Chicago  
Ryan, W. C. - Chicago  
Wood, W. F. - Cincinnati

Respectfully,

*Howard P. Locke*  
Howard P. Locke.

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*Edward G. Bremer*

*St. Paul*

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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REPORT MADE AT: CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/28/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/27/34	REPORT MADE BY: L. B. REED. :MLD
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER - (Victim).		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ... of file reflects no further leads at present for Charlotte office.  RUC.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2/20/34.			
DETAILS: A review of the file in this case has been made, and it does not appear that there are any leads which could be given investigative attention within the jurisdiction of the Charlotte office. All of the Agents in the Charlotte Office have been apprised of the salient facts reflected by the investigation thus far, and each of them has been furnished a set of the photographs of the so-called "Barker-Karpis Gang", together with descriptive information concerning each of them, which photographs were furnished this office with Division letter dated February 21, 1934. Each Agent has been instructed relative to the confidential aspect of this investigation.			
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March 1, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, February 24, 1934 in the above-entitled case that an examination is being made of toll calls for the period November 20, 1933 to February 2, 1934 over the telephones listed in the names of certain outstanding members of the underworld at Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

It is suggested that an examination be made of telegrams sent and received at Saint Paul and Minneapolis during the period that Bremer was held by the kidnapers, that is from January 17 to February 7, 1934.

The Division understands that in making such an examination there is no particular name or telephone number to be considered at the present time, but it is suggested that one of the agents attached to the Saint Paul Office who is acquainted with the prominent members of the underworld in that district should make a cursory examination of copies of telegrams on file for the purpose of locating a briefly worded telegram such as, "Will call you at 8:00 P. M.", "Communicate with me over phone number \_\_\_\_\_", or one similarly worded, which telegram may have been sent from Chicago or a point in northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin.

It is also suggested that a similar check be made at a "relay office" possibly located at Madison, Wisconsin or Rockford, Illinois for copies of telegrams received from small towns in their respective vicinities and relayed to Saint Paul or Minneapolis during the period in question.

It is understood from a special agent now in the Division who was formerly in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company that the above suggested procedure is practicable and will possibly be productive.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Sir:

Relative to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer addressed to the St. Paul Office under date of February 23, 1934 pertaining to the news stands handling Minnesota and St. Paul newspapers and with particular reference to those agencies in the district covered by this office reported to be dealing in these newspapers, you are advised that the Federal News Company mentioned on Page 5 of the enclosure accompanying Mr. Rorer's letter, is operated by W. A. McGrath, who has heretofore been interviewed upon this case, as indicated in the report of Special Agent J. C. Rider dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., February 20, 1934.

The Metropolitan News Company, likewise mentioned on Page 5 of the enclosure accompanying Mr. Rorer's letter, is operated by Pete Barlick, who has also been interviewed as set forth in Mr. Rider's report.

With reference to the Fort Pitt News Company, mentioned on Page 6 of the above described enclosure as handling the Minnesota Star, inquiries conducted heretofore, as outlined in Mr. Rider's heretofore mentioned report, indicate that the Fort Pitt News Company is not now receiving copies of the Minnesota Star or any other newspaper published in the Twin Cities.

With reference to these inquiries as you are advised that similar inquiries conducted in Erie, Pa. and Wheeling, W. Va. did not disclose any news dealers in either city handling those papers.

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